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## Trump orders troops out of Syria's north amid clashes

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WASHINGTON — Hundreds of Islamic State supporters escaped from a holding camp in northern Syria on Sunday amid heavy clashes between invading Turkish-led forces and Kurdish fighters, and President Donald Trump ordered all U.S. troops to withdraw from the north to avoid getting caught in the fighting.

**‘It’s a very untenable situation.’**

**Mark Esper**  
defense secretary

The twin developments reflected the rapidly growing chaos in Syria in the week since Trump ordered American forces in the region to step aside, leaving the U.S.-allied Kurds wide open to attack from Turkey.

“We have American forces likely caught between two opposing advancing armies, and it’s a very untenable situation,” U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on CBS’ “Face the Nation” in announcing U.S. troops would leave the north. He did not say how many would withdraw but that they represent most of the 1,000 troops in Syria.

A U.S. military official said that the situation was “deteriorating rapidly.” The official, who was not authorized to disclose operational details and spoke on condition of anonymity, said American troops were unable to move around on the ground without a “high risk” of confrontation with Turkish-backed forces.

The danger to American forces was illustrated Friday when a small number of U.S. troops came under Turkish artillery fire at an observation post in the north. No Americans were hurt. Esper said it was unclear whether that was an accident.

Trump, in a tweet, said, “Very smart not to be involved in the

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# Typhoon pummels Tokyo

## US bases escape deadly storm with minimal damage

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Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Typhoon Hagibis pummeled the Japanese capital overnight Saturday with wind gusts as high as 104 mph, hours of record-breaking, torrential rain and flooding in some places.

Then, suddenly, the storm left the Tokyo metro area, leaving many to wonder on social media if the ordeal was really over. Sunday dawned beneath calm, blue skies as the curious emerged to take stock of fallen trees and swollen rivers.

U.S. military bases in the area reported minimal damage and returned to their routines after a full day hunkered down against

the rain and forceful wind.

At Yokota Air Base — home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo — Senior Airman Mitchell Krause, 24, of Chaska, Minn., was shopping at a base mini-mart early Sunday. The security forces airman said he worked the night shift during the storm but experienced no emergencies.

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Above: Students and residents scoop dirt after flooding from Typhoon Hagibis in Marumori, northern Japan, on Sunday. Right: Airmen remove a tree downed at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Sunday.

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## MILITARY

# GI severed leg to save himself, crew after tank crash

By CHAD GARLAND  
Stars and Stripes

When a tank crash in Slovakia trapped Spc. Ezra Maes' leg in a turret gear, he pulled himself free to help save his badly wounded crew mates, severing his leg in the process.

"If I didn't help myself, my crew, no one was going to," Maes was quoted as saying in an Army statement earlier this month. "I knew I had to do everything I could to survive."

The M1A2 Abrams tank crew had deployed to Poland with the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team as part of the U.S. mission to deter Russian aggression and bolster allies in the region.

On the second day of a week-long exercise in southern Slovakia in September 2018, three crew members who had gone to sleep in their tank were jolted awake as the nearly 70-ton machine started rolling down a slope, gaining speed as it went.

Maes, then 20, was the leader on the tank's 120 mm main cannon. He called out to the driver to stop, but the parking brake had failed and a hydraulic leak had left operational systems unresponsive, making emergency braking useless, the Army statement said.

"We realized there was nothing

else we could do and just held on," Maes said.

The tank crashed into an embankment at the bottom of a ravine, tossing its crew around. The tank's gunner, Sgt. Aecheere Crump, was bleeding heavily from a cut on her thigh, and driver Pfc. Victor Alamo was pinned in the driver's compartment with a broken back, the Army said.

Maes' leg got caught in a turret gear and was smashed. He thought the leg was simply broken and tried to free himself to get a tourniquet from the rear of the tank to help Crump.

"I pushed and pulled at my leg as hard as I could to get loose and felt a sharp tear," he said. "When I moved away, my leg was completely gone."

Bleeding profusely, he was determined to get to the medical kit, but soon felt lightheaded. Realizing he was going into shock, he focused on staying calm, keeping his heart rate down and elevating his lower body, then fashioned his belt into a makeshift tourniquet.

He called to Crump, who had done the same with her own belt, telling her to radio for help.

But the radio wasn't working. No one knew they were down in the ravine, Maes feared, and they might die without immediate help.

Then, somewhere in the cabin, Maes' phone buzzed. It was the



U.S. Army

Sgt. Aecheere Crump, left, and Pfc. Victor Alamo, right, visit with Spc. Ezra Maes during their recovery at Brooke Army Medical Center. Crump and Alamo survived a tank accident in Slovakia with Maes in 2018.

only one that wasn't broken and had working cell service.

Crump, who also had a broken arm, crawled to find the device and threw it to him. While his teeth clenched the makeshift tourniquet on his leg, he unlocked it and sent a text for help. Soon, rescuers arrived and loaded them in Humvees.

The last thing Maes recalls at the crash site was seeing his sergeant major running up the hill carrying the leg on his shoulder, he said. Maes wanted to see if it could be reattached, but it was smashed too badly.

The young soldier, who'd joined the Army to follow in his grandfather's footsteps, had also broken his pelvis in five spots, his ankle and his shoulder.

He and the others were treated in Slovakia before being evacu-

ated to the Army's hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, then on to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. The other two were also evacuated to Texas to recover from their injuries.

Maes spent four months in intensive care undergoing near daily surgeries and battling an infection, the Army said.

He's now assigned to BAMC's Warrior Transition Battalion and undergoing physical and occupational therapy at the hospital's outpatient rehabilitation facility, known as the Center for the Intrepid. "I feel superlucky," he said. "My crew all done good. So many things could have gone wrong. Besides my leg, we all walked away pretty much unscathed."

At the time of the crash, he'd begun the process of applying

to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, said a GoFundMe campaign set up to pay for travel and other expenses for family to be with him during his recovery. He's an avid athlete who loved snowboarding, rock climbing and golf, it said.

Now he's preparing to receive a prosthetic leg through a procedure that will implant a titanium rod in his bone. He plans to be a prosthetist to help others regain their mobility, the Army statement said.

"When something like this happens, it's easy to give up because your life won't be the same, and you're not wrong," he said. "Life will take a 180, but it doesn't have to be a bad thing. Don't let it hinder you from moving forward."

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## PACIFIC

# Storm: Services restored amid cleanup after typhoon

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"I didn't really think it was that bad," he said, adding that he hadn't heard much wind.

But in harder hit regions like Nagano and Miyagi prefectures, helicopters plucked people from their flooded homes on Sunday as rescue efforts went into full force from a powerful storm, according to Fuji TV.

Hundreds of thousands of households were without power around Tokyo and in the Tohoku region north of the metro area Sunday, according to The Associated Press.

"We intend to exert all-out efforts for the earliest recovery of blackouts, water outage and suspension of transportation," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said during a ministerial meeting Sunday.

He added that 2,700 Japan Self-Defense Forces personnel, along with police, firefighters and the Japan Coast Guard were conducting rescue and relief efforts Sunday.

In Hachioji — not far from Yokota and Camp Zama — about 16 inches of rain fell over 24 hours Friday, topping a 1999 record rainfall of 14 inches, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. In Hakone, southwest of Yokohama, a record 37 inches fell, the agency reported.

What local fire authorities believed was a tornado struck a neighborhood in Ichihara, in Chiba prefecture, east of Tokyo, on Saturday, killing one person and damaging several homes, according to The Mainichi newspaper.

Just as Hagibis approached landfall Saturday evening, a magnitude 5.3 earthquake, centered in the Pacific southeast of Tokyo, rumbled through the area around 6:20 p.m. There was no tsunami threat and no damage reported at U.S. military bases.

## Yokota facilities reopen

At Yokota, the storm brought down branches and leaves and felled a large tree in front of the 374th Airlift Wing headquarters. Airmen were busy removing it with heavy equipment before 8 a.m.

Storm conditions there suddenly ceased about 10:20 p.m. Saturday; two hours later, the base sounded the "all clear."

In a Facebook post early Sunday, authorities announced that most facilities — including the commissary, exchange, fitness center, dining facility, theater, clubs and restaurants — would open on their normal schedules. Base shuttles resumed at 9:20 a.m., and airport shuttles ran on schedule.

As part of recovery efforts, members of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron planned an aerial survey of base rooftops using a small drone.

At Yokota's Kanto Lodge, staff said 11 people who evacuated from their off-base homes due to a risk of flooding from the Tama River had stayed there overnight.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeanette Mullinax and her friend, Shannon Wilde, a visitor from Tampa, Fla., left Mullinax's home along the Tama River in Fussa city at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, they said.

"My neighbor told me he was leaving," Mullinax said. "A little bit later, my supervisor told me to evacuate."

Trees and nighttime dark shielded the surging river from view, they said.

"We're pretty used to hurricanes in Florida, but it was interesting that there was such a big one here," Wilde said as the pair relaxed in the hotel lobby Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, residents of Fussa and neighboring Hamura walked the levee path along the river, photographing the waves of



TORU HANAI/AP

Surging waves hit against the breakwater near fishing boats as Typhoon Hagibis approached a port in town of Kihno, Mie prefecture, Japan, on Friday.



CAITLIN DOORNBOS/Stars and Stripes

The typhoon pulled up some turf and tree stumps when it struck Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, late Saturday.

## Storm leaves as many as 33 dead

Associated Press

TOKYO — Helicopters, boats and thousands of troops were deployed across Japan to rescue people stranded in flooded homes Sunday, as the death toll from a ferocious typhoon climbed to as high as 33. One woman fell to her death as she was being placed inside a rescue helicopter.

Public broadcaster NHK said 14 rivers across the nation had flooded, some spilling out in more than one spot.

The Tokyo Fire Department said a woman in her 70s was accidentally dropped 131 feet to the ground while being transported into a rescue helicopter in Iwaki city in Fukushima prefecture, a northern area devastated by the typhoon.

Department officials held a news conference to apologize, bowing deeply and long, according to Japanese custom, and acknowledged the woman had not been strapped in properly.

The government's Fire and Disaster Management Agency, which tends to be conservative in its counts, said late Sunday that 14 people died, 11 were missing and 187 were injured as a result of the typhoon. It said 1,283 homes were flooded and 517 were damaged or destroyed.

Japanese media tallies were higher. Kyodo News reported that 33 people died and 19 were missing.

foaming brown water that shouldered their way downstream.

That section of the river, which flows into Tokyo Bay, appeared to have remained in its channel overnight, but farther downstream it overran its banks and flooded homes and roads in Setagaya ward and Kawasaki city.

At Yokosuka Naval Base, south of Tokyo and close to where Hagibis made landfall, the memory of Typhoon Faxai in September is still fresh. This time, the dam-

services back to normal operations."

The commissary, galley and gyms reopened by 9:30 a.m., according to a post on the base's official Facebook page. The Liberty Center, bowling alley and food court were back in service by noon.

About 9 a.m., sailors and their families were seen meandering around base, checking out storm damage.

Along the base's eastern edge, Seamen Hannibal Mendez and Brandon Cook, both of the USS Blue Ridge, examined piles of debris blown in from the ocean.

"It doesn't seem as bad (as Faxai), but it's still as messy," Mendez said. "I expect a lot of them, but I guess a divine being was looking out for us."

"Yeah, but we were in the ship," Cook said, "the safest place possible."

## Out to sea

Many Yokosuka-based vessels were put out to sea to avoid the storm or, like the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, were already deployed.

A handoff undergoing maintenance or renovations stayed behind. These included the destroyers USS John S. McCain, USS Benford and USS Curtis Wilbur, the guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh and the 7th Fleet's command ship, the Blue Ridge.

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force canceled its Monday international fleet review, which before the storm drew in navies and ships from more than 10 countries, including China. A JMSDF spokesman said the event won't be rescheduled and the next one is expected to be held in 2022.

Southwest of central Tokyo, Naval Air Facility Atsugi returned Sunday morning to its routines. The commissary reopened at 10 a.m., and all services, including recreational facilities, the Navy Exchange and health clinic, were reopening for the remainder of the long weekend.

At Camp Zama, in Kanagawa prefecture, U.S. Army Garrison Japan issued its "all clear" at 8:35 a.m. In a Facebook post, Zama officials said teams were still "conducting final assessments, but we appear to have seen minor damage overnight."

The outdoor recreation center, golf course, fitness center, dining facility and Sagami-hara Family Housing Area Commissary opened at 9 a.m. The commissary opened at 10 a.m., and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service opened at noon.

Air and rail lines serving Tokyo came back to life Sunday after a daylong interruption. Commuter and bullet trains that were halted Saturday afternoon started to run Sunday morning.

The Tokaido Shinkansen running west of Tokyo began operating Sunday but with some delays, according to Central Japan Railway. Shinkansen operating in the Tohoku area did not run until at least noon Sunday, according to East Japan Railway.

East Japan Railway trains began operation Sunday, but some trains, including the Yokosuka and Chuo lines, did not restart until noon as the company checked for damage.

Narita and Haneda international airports on Friday had canceled Saturday flights but lifted the restriction Sunday after some trains started operating, NHK reported. However, 818 flights remained canceled Sunday, according to the report.

During the typhoon in September, thousands of people were stranded at Narita as trains and buses stopped operating.

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## WAR

# Leave: ISIS supporters escape from holding camps during Turkish offensive

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intense fighting along the Turkish Border, for a change. Those that mistakenly got us into the Middle East Wars are still pushing to fight. They have no idea what a bad decision they have made."

Meanwhile, the U.S. also has come to believe that the Kurds are attempting to "cut a deal" with the Syrian army and Russia to counter the invading Turks, Esper said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday ruled out any mediation in the dispute with the Kurds, saying Turkey won't negotiate with "terrorists." NATO member Turkey views the Syrian Kurdish fighters as terrorists because of their links to the Kurdish insurgency inside Turkey, and it has vowed to carve out a "safe zone" along the border.

Trump's decision to clear the way for the Turkish offensive has been condemned at home and abroad by critics who say he abandoned the Kurdish allies who long fought alongside the U.S. to help defeat ISIS.

The fighting that has broken out over the past week has raised fears that some of the thousands of ISIS members and sympathizers held by the Kurds will escape or be released in the chaos, allowing the battered extremist group to make a comeback and sow terrorism all over again.

On Sunday, heavy fighting

reached a displaced-persons camp in Ein Eissa, some 20 miles south of the border, that is home to some 12,000 people, including around 1,000 wives and widows of ISIS fighters and their children, held in a special detention area.

The Kurdish-led administration in northern Syria said in a statement that 950 ISIS supporters escaped after attacking guards and storming the gates. It was not immediately possible to confirm that figure.

Jelal Ayraf, a senior official at the camp, told local media that 859 people broke out from the section housing foreign ISIS supporters.

He said that a few were recaptured but that supporters inside another section of the camp also escaped and were carrying out attacks. He described the situation as "very volatile."

Esper said he was aware of the reports of escapes and atrocities committed against the Kurds in the fighting.

"It gets worse by the hour," Esper said. "These are all the exact things" that U.S. officials warned Erdogan would probably happen in urging him not to invade.

The United Nations says more than 130,000 Syrians have fled since the operation began five days ago, including many who had taken refuge from previous



LETIFERS PITIRAKI/AP

**A person inspects the damage to a building hit by a mortar fired from inside Syria in Akcakale, Sanliurfa province, southeastern Turkey, on Sunday.**

rounds of fighting in the country's eight-year civil war.

Turkey said 440 Kurdish fighters have been killed since the operation began Wednesday. The SDF said 56 of its fighters have died. Turkey also said four of its soldiers were killed, along with 16

allied Syrian fighters.

Turkey's Defense Ministry tweeted that its forces had taken control of the main highway running between Hassakeh, a major town and logistics hub, and Ein Eissa, the administrative center of the Kurdish-held areas.

Heavy fighting was also underway in the town of Suluk, northeast of Ein Eissa. Turkey's official news agency said Syrian fighters allied with Ankara had captured the town, while Kurdish officials said they were still battling to hold onto it.

# Kremlin relishes US pullback from Syria, turmoil in Ukraine

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW — From Syria to Ukraine, new fault lines and tensions are offering the Kremlin fresh opportunities to expand its clout and advance its interests.

In Syria, the U.S. military withdrawal in the face of a Turkish offensive leaves Russia as the ultimate power broker, allowing it to help negotiate a potential agreement between Syrian President Bashar Assad and the Kurds who were abandoned by Washington.

And in Ukraine, where the new president saw his image dented by a U.S. impeachment inquiry, Russia may use the volatility to push for a deal that would secure its leverage over its western neighbor.

The Turkish offensive in northern Syria followed President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. forces from the area, cold-shouldering the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, the key U.S. ally in the fight against Islamic State.

Washington's abrupt decision to ditch the Kurds contrasted sharply with Moscow's unwavering support for its ally Assad, which helped his government reclaim the bulk of the country's territory in a devastating civil war.

Along with military power, Russian President Vladimir Putin has relied on diplomacy to achieve his goals in Syria, reach-



ALEXEI DRUZHININ, SPUTNIK, KREMLIN/AP

**Russian President Vladimir Putin is finding opportunities to advance Russia's interests amid problems in Syria and Ukraine.**

ing out to regional powers — from Iran to Saudi Arabia, Israel and Turkey.

NATO member Turkey has become a particularly important partner for Russia. Even though the two countries have backed opposite sides in the Syrian conflict, they have pooled efforts to negotiate a deescalation zone in the Syrian province of Idlib and co-sponsor talks on forming a committee that would draft a new Syrian constitution.

The Russia-Turkey rapprochement came as Ankara's relations

with Washington grew increasingly chilly and were further strained over Turkey's recent purchase of Russian air defense missiles.

Turkey's offensive in Syria, which has drawn harsh criticism from the U.S. and European Union, may now push Moscow and Ankara even closer.

"Russia wants to benefit from that operation, and one of the gains could be the strengthening of ties with Turkey," said Kirill Semenov, of the Russian International Affairs Council. "The harsh

response from Washington, the EU reaction, the threat of sanctions against Turkey all play into Moscow's hands by making Moscow and Ankara even closer."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Putin just before unleashing airstrikes and an artillery barrage on Kurdish-controlled areas in Syria. Ankara charges that the Kurdish fighters in Syria are allied with the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has led an insurgency against Turkey for 35 years.

While Russia has noted the need to respect Syria's territorial integrity, it also has emphasized Turkey's right to ensure its security — a benevolent stance contrasting with the harsh Western criticism of the Turkish offensive.

Russia has long urged the U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters in Syria to come back to Damascus' fold, an offer they may need to take more seriously now.

"We heard that both Syrian officials and representatives of Kurdish organizations expressed interest in Russia using its good relations with all parties to the process in arranging such talks," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters Thursday. "We will see what we can do."

Lavrov also pointed at another Moscow goal — brokering a dialogue between Turkey and Assad's government, something

Ankara has strongly rejected in the past.

"It would be good for Russia to bring Ankara and Damascus to the table and have Ankara acknowledge the legitimacy of the regime in Damascus, if not Assad himself," Semenov said.

In another power game, Russia hopes to see major gains in its long-running effort to retain leverage over its neighbor Ukraine, a former Soviet republic looking to align itself with the West. In 2014, Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and threw its support behind a separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine following the ouster of Ukraine's Moscow-friendly leader, moves that triggered bruising Western sanctions.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who was elected by a landslide in April, has vowed to end the fighting, which has killed more than 13,000. Early this month, Ukraine, Russia and the rebels signed a tentative agreement to hold local elections in the east, a deal Zelenskyy insists conforms to a 2015 peace accord that was brokered by France and Germany.

The agreement, however, has been criticized by some in Ukraine as "capitulation" to Moscow.

On Monday, far-right and nationalist groups are staging a major rally in Kyiv to protest Zelenskyy's peace plan.



# WAR/MILITARY



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The U.S. Navy destroyer USS Porter transits the Bosphorus strait on Oct. 2 en route to the Black Sea. The Porter deployment is the seventh by a Navy warship in the region this year.

## USS Porter in the Black Sea again as patrols are boosted

By SCOTT WYLAND  
Stars and Stripes

The destroyer USS Porter entered the Black Sea on Saturday, the seventh time the Navy has sent a warship into the region this year as a response to a more assertive Russia.

It is the second time in as many months that the Porter has operated in the Black Sea.

Before that, warships had conducted six Black Sea operations between January and July, including the USS Carney during the multinational naval exercise Sea Breeze.

"This routine deployment ... demonstrates our dedication to freedom of navigation and our commitment to NATO allies and partners in the Black Sea," Vice Adm. Lisa Franchetti, 6th Fleet

commander, said in a statement. Last year, a total of five U.S. warships operated in the region.

The Navy and NATO increased their naval presence in the Black Sea after Russia invaded Crimea and annexed it from Ukraine in 2014.

They boosted security patrols even more after the Russian navy seized three Ukrainian vessels in the Kerch Strait last year and imprisoned 24 sailors. Those sailors were released in September — after being jailed for almost nine months — as part of a prisoner swap between Russia and Ukraine.

Nearly all countries bordering the Black Sea are U.S. allies or partner nations, but Russia maintains a territorial attitude toward the sea partly because the former Soviet Union controlled most

those countries during the Cold War.

The Russian navy typically monitors American warships in the Black Sea, while Moscow condemns the ships' activities as a provocation.

Russia always chafes at the presence of U.S. destroyers in the Black Sea because they are armed with long-range cruise missiles and strong missile defense, said Michael Kofman, director of Russian studies at CNA, a defense think tank in Virginia.

"Russians perceive such capabilities to be strategic and will never casually accept this type of arsenal being brought so close to its population centers or critical infrastructure," Kofman said.

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## Army defends closing of space, tech library

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The U.S. Army is defending a decision to close its historic 57-year-old space and technical library at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Army officials said it was a joint decision made by interested parties.

The Redstone Scientific Information Center, or RSIC, closed its doors Sept. 30, Al.com reported. The center was established in 1962 by a charter between the Army and NASA. It was overseen by a board of directors made up of senior leaders and scientists at Redstone's various missile organizations.

Dr. Werner von Braun and Maj. Gen. Francis "Frank" McCormow agreed to build the original facility, which held information about rocketry and space science used to advance United States rocket programs.

In a statement released last week, the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation & Missile Center, or AvMC, said the collection had become too big and expensive to maintain.

"The sheer size of the collection — approximately 450,000 items — demanded an increase in space requirements," the statement said. But it added decreased funding and resources have made it untenable to continue managing the library.

AvMC said the library is now virtual and "consists of online-only access to scientific journals and

e-books" plus electronic versions of technical documents. The e-documents will not be fully available until July 2021.

As for the rest, NASA documents were returned to NASA and "excess library materials" will be offered to other Defense Department or government libraries first locally and then outside Huntsville. The Army's statement said there are

"no plans at this time to create another local library approaching the size and scope of RSIC for the entire Redstone Arsenal community."

NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center said it "has acquired selected books and other documents from RSIC and is in the process of developing an on-site library, which will be a branch of the NASA agencywide library system." Marshall said its employees will "have access to RSIC's online subscriptions through spring 2020."

After that, "the NASA agency online library will provide subscriptions for all centers.

## Iran issues a warning after oil tanker attack

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president warned Sunday it would be "a big mistake" to think his country won't respond to threats after a mysterious attack on one of its oil tankers.

Hassan Rouhani's remarks came as Pakistan's prime minister was visiting Iran in an effort to ease tensions between Tehran and Saudi Arabia.

Iranan Khan is planning to visit Saudi Arabia this week. His mediation efforts come just days after Iran said missiles struck an Iranian oil tanker traveling through the Red Sea near Saudi Arabia, which has denied it was behind the incident.

"If a country thinks that it can create instability in the region without getting a response, that would be a sheer mistake," Rouhani said, without pinning the blame on any specific country.

Tensions in the region have been high for months following President Donald Trump's decision to impose crushing sanctions that target Iran's crude oil sales and have crippled its economy. Those sanctions came after Trump unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers last year.

The tensions culminated in a Sept. 14 attack on a Saudi oil infrastructure that halted the kingdom's oil production.

The U.S. blames Iran for the attack, something Tehran denies. Yemen's Houthi rebels, whom the kingdom has been fighting in a years-long war, claimed the attack, though analysts say the missiles used wouldn't have the range to reach the target in Yemen.

"We do not want a conflict between Saudi Arabia and Iran. We recognize that it's a complex issue; we recognize that, but we feel that this can be resolved

through dialogue," Khan said. "But what should never happen is war between Saudi Arabia and Iran."

Pakistan is closely allied with Saudi Arabia but has tried to maintain a diplomatic balancing act between Riyadh and

Tehran.

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, denied it was behind Friday's incident involving the Iranian oil tanker, with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir telling journalists, "Let's wait and find out what happened before we jump to conclusions."

The attack on the tanker has yet to be corroborated.

Khan also met Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who said that while Iran has not initiated any war, "If one starts a war against Iran, he will surely regret it."

Khamenei also called for an end to the war in Yemen, according to remarks published on the supreme leader's official website.

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## Coast Guard reopens bidding on new cutters

BATH, Maine — The Coast Guard has reopened competitive bidding to build a new class of cutters, potentially giving a Maine shipyard another shot at the project after it lost on the bid two years ago.

The Coast Guard made the announcement Friday.

Portland Press Herald reported that in 2016, Bath Iron Works lost an estimated \$10.5 billion bid to build 25 off-shore cutters.

But the company that won the bid, Florida's Eastern Shipbuilding Group, suffered serious facility and infrastructure damage when Hurricane Michael hit in October 2018.

The Florida company was granted an "extraordinary relief" contract modification for four of the cutters, but the Coast Guard is reopening the bid on the other 21.

Bath Iron Works declined to comment on the announcement.

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## NATION

# Food, drink with CBD sold in NYC despite ban

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Food and drink are still being sold with CBD in New York City, months after health officials banned restaurants and cafes from selling edibles spiked with or accompanied by the trendy cannabis derivative because of safety concerns.

The city's health department surprised bakeries, restaurants, coffee shops, and other food sellers in February by telling them they were not permitted to put cannabidiol, or CBD, in prepared foods because it hadn't been approved as a food additive by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. They also can't provide CBD to customers to add it themselves.

City health inspectors started seizing CBD-laced products, then backed off and gave food establishments until Oct. 1 to comply with the rules or face a fine of up to \$650.

On a recent spin around Manhattan in the days after that deadline passed, an Associated Press reporter was able to find CBD-infused coffee, cookies and other food items still for sale.

In the coffee bar at Le District, a fancy grocery near the World Trade Center, a sign read, "Add an extra dose of CBD oil to any drink for \$5."

At the Fat Cat Kitchen cafe in Manhattan's East Village, freshly baked CBD cookies and brownies sat on display in a glass case.

CBD-infused drinks — including lavender matcha latte and white peach iced tea — were also



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**A sign advertising shots of CBD oil in beverages is displayed at Le District in New York City months after CBD was banned in edibles.**

on sale at the Forever Coffee Bar, near Columbia University's new satellite campus in upper Manhattan. Customers could get 10 milligrams added to their beverage for \$2.50.

Owner Artem Arnopoul said he was aware the ban was in place. Health inspectors, in fact, had already visited another one of his

Manhattan cafes in September and asked it to stop serving CBD-laced items.

"That was before the Oct. 1 deadline, and they said, no violation, no tickets. But it was a warning," Arnopoul said.

Still, he said he plans to keep serving CBD drinks until the inspectors show up at his other lo-

cation and tell them to stop, too.

"We're waiting for them," he said with a grin. "I'm really a bit upset about it. If we cannot sell this anymore because CBD is kind of special and people are so excited about it."

The Fat Cat Kitchen's co-owner, C.J. Holm, declined to comment. A spokeswoman for Le

District initially denied any CBD beverages were still for sale, then stopped responding to inquiries after being told an AP reporter had been able to purchase a coffee with a packet of CBD that afternoon.

Products with CBD, a chemical in cannabis that doesn't cause a high, have become a fad across the country. The chemical is touted by sellers as being able to relieve pain, anxiety, sleeplessness and other conditions. Those claims are unproven, and questions remain about its safety.

The FDA has approved CBD as a treatment for rare, severe forms of epilepsy. The substance's status as a potential medicine, however, has triggered restrictions on its use as a food additive or dietary supplement. The agency is now exploring regulations that might allow it to be added to food at a later date.

In the meantime, restaurants aren't allowed to add it to food, just like they wouldn't be allowed to add doses of painkillers or other medications.

Michael Lanza, a spokesman for the New York City Department of Health, told the AP that no violations had yet been registered in the days after the October deadline. In the future, he said, health officials will confront owners of establishments about any CBD sales while conducting routine inspections of restaurants, delis and coffee shops.

The crackdown applies only to prepared food, not CBD oil sold by itself in shops and pharmacies.

## Anxiety over court case tempers Coming Out Day events

Associated Press

National Coming Out Day festivities were tempered this year by anxiety that some LGBTQ folk may have to go back into the closet so they can make a living, depending on what the Supreme Court decides about workplace discrimination law.

But the mere fact that words like "transgender" are being uttered before the nation's highest court gives some supporters of LGBTQ workplace rights hope that the pendulum will swing in their favor.

"I want all members of our community to feel supported by the government, and often for a lot of us and a lot of friends of mine, it's the first time that they feel represented," said Jessica Goldberg, a bisexual senior at the University of Colorado Denver.

Still, the arguments showed the continuing relevance of National Coming Out Day, first observed in 1988 and marked every Oct. 11, though observances happen over several days. This year that includes Philadelphia's OutFest on Sunday, billed as the largest National Coming Out Day event, many LGBTQ people said. The holiday aims to show that coming out of the closet helps individuals and the larger community win visibility and acceptance.

Emotionally, the victory for LGBT marriage equality was "huge," said Susan Horowitz, publisher and editor of Between the Lines, an LGBTQ newspaper in Michi-

gan. But the workplace discrimination case, with its legal ramifications, is bigger, she said.

"You can get married one day and be fired tomorrow if you put your spouse's picture on your desk," Horowitz said.

But some of the language thrown around in the arguments before the Supreme Court last week about whether the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects LGBTQ people from employment discrimination — including a question by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts that appeared to show confusion about gender transitions, and off-topic questions about bathroom use by liberal Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg — shows there is a long way to go, said Shannon Minter, a transgender man who is the legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

President Donald Trump's attempt to ban transgender people from military service, and the backlash to it, has helped educate people, and some of the questioning felt like "the justices had not caught up with that reality," Minter said, adding it felt like a throwback to a prior era.

"It was a wake-up call that the court is not always completely in sync with where the public is," he said. "I hope between now and the time of the decision that gap will close."

The court is expected to rule by the beginning of June — which is also LGBTQ Pride Month, potentially bookending the



MANUEL BALCE CENETIA/AP

**Supporters of LGBTQ rights stand in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday as justices heard arguments over LGBTQ workplace discrimination. Anxiety over how the court will rule tempered this year's National Coming Out Day festivities.**

court's considerations with gay rights observances.

Horowitz noted with some surprise the success of Pete Buttigieg's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president. The gay mayor of South Bend, Ind., is among the mid-polling candidates after starting out as a long shot.

Buttigieg himself acknowledged Coming Out Day, tweeting that "Coming out requires finding the courage to share your truth. It requires you to stand on the hope

that you will be accepted, and the faith that you can overcome rejection."

Kyla Hines — assistant director of the LGBTQ Student Resource Center for the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Community College of Denver — hopes that people who are out or on the verge of coming out can find courage despite anxiety over the impending LGBTQ job discrimination decision by the Supreme Court.

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# Impeachment tops a busy agenda as Congress returns

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Impeachment may have leapfrogged to the top of the national agenda, but members of Congress still have their day jobs as legislators, and they're returning to Washington this week with mixed hopes of success.

It's a volatile, difficult-to-predict time in Washington as lawmakers end a two-week break. The notion that President Donald Trump could do much significant dealmaking with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, his impeachment antagonist, could be fanciful, given Trump's impulsiveness and demands for border wall money.

An important trade agreement pact has a pulse. An effort to deal with high prescription drug prices seems stuck.

Pelosi, D-Calif., is aware of the political imperative to avoid looking tied up in impeachment while leaving the rest of the nation's business hanging. At a recent news conference, she solicited questions on topics such as trade before turning to impeachment, reminding that the Democratic-controlled House has sent bill after bill to the GOP-led Senate, which has done little else but vote on presidential nominations for months.

Divided government has produced scant results thus far except for a small-scale budget deal that lawmakers are struggling to

put in place. The next few months could prove to make or break for high-profile agenda items such as an updated trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, a full slate of spending bills and prescription drug legislation.

Pelosi insists impeachment doesn't have to harm the legislative agenda in Washington.

"They have nothing to do with each other," Pelosi said earlier this month. "We have a responsibility to uphold our oath of office, to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. We also have a responsibility to get the job done for the American people."

The atmosphere isn't exactly brimming with optimism. Hopes for a near-term breakthrough on trade, one of the few items on which Pelosi and Republicans are in general alignment, faded after AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka issued a combative warning against a speedy vote on the new North American pact.

On spending, negotiators are trying to push through a \$1.4 trillion package of agency spending bills to fill in the details of this past summer's budget and debt accord.

Experienced bargainers such as GOP Sen. Richard Shelby, of Alabama, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, are taking the lead on that but lingering bitterness over the U.S.-Mexico wall fight threatens to again delay a resolution. That's particu-



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

**Congress returns this week from a two-week break with impeachment at the top of an agenda filled with matters related to budget, trade and other issues.**

larly so after Trump's attacked lawmakers' traditional power of the purse by raiding military construction projects to finance wall construction.

Given the uncertainty, lawmakers may end up kicking the can down the road.

Months-late enactment of the annual agency appropriations bills is increasingly common in Washington, and it's clear that another temporary government-wide funding bill will be needed when the current one expires in six weeks.

Likewise, there's no hard and fast deadline for ratifying an important trade pact with Mexico and Canada that's an administration priority.

Pelosi supported the original North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, as did the current House Ways and Means Committee chairman, Rep. Richard Neal, who has forged a good relationship with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. Pelosi and Neal, D-Mass., had been making cautious but opti-

mistic assurances about the long-delayed trade pact, which is being held up in large part over Mexico's efforts to toughen labor standards and limit U.S. job losses.

A green light from labor would make Pelosi's job much easier, so the outlook for the trade agreement soured considerably when Trumka warned that labor would work to kill it if House Democrats tried to rush a vote.

"If there was a vote before Thanksgiving, the agreement would be defeated," Trumka told The Washington Post.

Steve Elmdorff, a lobbyist who cultivates close ties to Democratic leaders, said that before Trumka's remarks, there seemed to be a sense of progress and that lawmakers would have liked to hold a vote before the holiday.

He said that if Pelosi "can get a good deal, she is completely capable of compartmentalizing this and a bunch of other issues in a different lane than impeachment."

What does need to pass before Thanksgiving is another short-term measure to prevent a gov-

ernment shutdown. That would buy more time for lawmakers to try to negotiate a full package of spending bills.

Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have a proven track record as negotiators who can deliver. But Trump could upend the situation at any time. He's at least given negotiators the green light to try to find a way to an agreement.

The glass-half-full take is that both Trump and Pelosi need legislative victories heading into next year's elections.

Pelosi has a slew of freshmen Democrats from swing districts with lots of middle-of-the-road voters, while Trump hasn't delivered on many bread-and-butter issues since his 2017 tax cut bill.

Talks on prescription drugs face considerable obstacles, however.

McConnell has promised to stop Pelosi's bill is its tracks, but a bipartisan Senate bill has divided Republicans and faces big hurdles of its own.

## Hunter Biden to step down from board of Chinese-backed firm

Associated Press



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Hunter Biden, right, with his father, former Vice President and now Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, says he is leaving the board of directors of a Chinese-backed private equity firm.

WASHINGTON — Hunter Biden announced on Sunday that he will step down from the board of directors of a Chinese-backed private equity firm at the end of the month as part of a pledge not to work on behalf of any foreign-owned companies should his father win the presidency.

Biden, 49, the son of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, revealed his plan in an internet post written by his attorney, George Mesires, who outlined a defense of the younger Biden's work in Ukraine and China, which have come under intense scrutiny at the prodding of President Donald Trump and his Republican allies.

"Hunter makes the following commitment: Under a Biden Administration, Hunter will readily comply with any and all guidelines or standards a President Biden may issue to address purported conflicts of interest, or the appearance of such conflicts,

including any restrictions related to overseas business interests. In any event, Hunter will agree not to serve on boards of, or work on behalf of, foreign owned companies," Mesires wrote.

He continued: "He will continue to keep his father personally uninvolved in his business affairs, while availing himself as necessary and appropriate to the Office of the White House Counsel to help inform his application of the Biden Administration's guidelines or standards to his business decision-making."

Trump has repeatedly raised allegations of wrongdoing against Hunter Biden's work abroad, without proof, to tear down former Vice President Joe Biden. Trump has also encouraged the Ukrainian president and China to probe Hunter Biden's work abroad, a move by the Republican president that prompted House Democrats to launch an impeachment inquiry.

"Despite extensive scrutiny,

at no time has any law enforcement agency, either domestic or foreign, alleged that Hunter engaged in wrongdoing at any point during his five-year term," Mesires wrote of Biden's experience in Ukraine.

Democrats are investigating Trump's dealings with Ukraine and exploring whether he compromised national security or abused his office by seeking dirt from a foreign country on Biden.

Mesires wrote that Hunter Biden worked as an unpaid board member for BHR Equity Investment Fund Management Company "based on his interest in seeking ways to bring Chinese capital to international markets."

"To date, Hunter has not received any compensation for being on BHR's board of directors," Mesires said. "He has not received any return on his investment; there have been no distributions to BHR shareholders since Hunter obtained his equity interest."



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# Louisiana governor's race goes to runoff

By MELINDA DESLATTE  
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BATON ROUGE, La. — John Bel Edwards' bid for a second term as the Deep South's only Democratic governor will be decided in November after Louisiana voters Saturday sent him to a runoff in a race that became heavy with national politics in the final days.

Edwards will face Republican businessman Eddie Rispone in the Nov. 16 runoff.

In addition to keeping the governor's race going for five more weeks, Louisiana voters re-elected five of the six Republican statewide elected officials running for another term, sending the sixth to a runoff. They also decided whether to rewrite four provisions in the state constitution.

All candidates, regardless of party, ran against each other on the same ballot. Runoff elections are held among the top two vote-getters in each competition if no candidate reaches more than 50% of the vote.

Edwards faced five opponents on the ballot, though the competition focused on two major Re-



Louisiana Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards, shown speaking at his election night watch party in Baton Rouge, La., on Saturday, will face Republican Eddie Rispone in a November runoff election.

BRETT DUKER/AP

publican challengers: Rispone, of Baton Rouge, who has spent millions of his own wealth on the race, and Ralph Abraham, a third-term congressman and doctor from northeast Louisiana.

Both GOP contenders suggested Edwards is out of step with Louisiana, saying he supported too much the budget are too high and are chasing people

and businesses from the state.

Edwards says Louisiana is rebounding from an economic recession and a decade of budget crises after a bipartisan tax deal ended the state's financial instability. He's touting fewer people uninsured after he expanded Medicaid and a decline in the state's prison population after a legislative overhaul of criminal

sentencing laws.

The candidates have spent more than \$24 million on the race, and outside PACs have added millions more in TV advertising, digital media spots and mailers.

Five Republican incumbents won reelection to their statewide positions: Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, Attorney General Jeff Landry, Treasurer John Schroder, Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon and Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain. GOP Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin was forced into a runoff.

Donelon faced the fiercest competition, an intraparty challenge from Tim Temple, who's worked in the insurance industry for 20 years and put \$1.8 million of his own money into the race. But Donelon, in office since 2006, secured a fourth term as commissioner.

Few other opponents to the GOP incumbents had done significant fundraising.

Nungesser easily gained a second term, defeating Willie Jones, a New Orleans Democrat. Landry, also in his first term, bested Ike Jackson Jr., a Democrat from Plaquemine and a lawyer who

once worked in the attorney general's office.

Schroder, a former state lawmaker who won his position in a 2017 special election, overcame two opponents, including New Orleans-area lawyer Derrick Edwards, who unsuccessfully challenged Schroder two years ago.

Strain, a veterinarian in office since 2008, won outright against four people vying to unseat him, including Charlie Greer, a Natchitoches Parish farmer and Democrat who ran unsuccessfully in 2015. Strain's other challengers also were farmers. New Orleans vegetable and flower farmer Marguerite Green and Lettsworth farmer Peter Williams are Democrats, while rice and crawfish farmer Bradley Zaubrecher from Egan is a Republican.

But Ardoin, who worked as a top deputy in the secretary of state's office before winning the job in last year's special election, will face a rematch in November against Gwen Collins-Greenup. The Democrat from Clinton, who has worked in notary and real estate businesses, lost to Ardoin in the 2018 runoff.

## Collapse of hotel in New Orleans leaves 2 dead, more than 20 hurt

By CHEVEL JOHNSON  
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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A large section of a Hard Rock Hotel under construction beside New Orleans' historic French Quarter collapsed Saturday amid blinding dust and flying debris, killing two people and injuring more than 20. Rescue workers searched the largely unstable building for one person still unaccounted for.

Nearby buildings were evacuated. A 270-foot construction crane — one of two still looming over the multistory building — also was dangerously unstable, fire officials said.

The hunt for the missing was suspended at nightfall over safety concerns. A statement from the project contractor said its representatives would work "throughout the night" with emergency officials on a plan to stabilize the building.

"I heard a huge noise and thought it was a plane crashing," said Sue Hurley, 68, a guest at a hotel across the street that shuddered with the force of the collapse. Hurley said she was reminded of news accounts of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

WVL-TV aired and tweeted a viewer's dramatic video of upper floors falling on top of each other before one side of the building crashed to the street.

Another video on social media showed what looked like a metal structure — part of the building

or a piece of construction equipment — tumbling to the ground and people running from the scene as clouds of dust billowed up, obscuring the view like a thick fog.

"I'm not sure what happened, but they told us to get out of here," said Michael Arbetter, 30, from Munich, Germany, a hostel guest who said he was just getting out of the shower when his room shook.

Officials said 18 people were taken to the hospital and several others went to the hospital on their own. They said none of their injuries was believed to be life-threatening.

Urban search and rescue teams entered a section of the building Saturday in hopes of finding two missing people alive, said fire Chief Tim McConnell. Authorities later said one of the missing was dead.

Meanwhile, authorities were keeping a wary eye on the unstable crane looming over the building.

"There is a very strong possibility of further collapse of this crane right now," McConnell said.

Citadel Builders LLC, the contractor on the project, said more than 100 workers were on site at the time of the collapse. An email from spokesman Brian Trascher said company officials were working with emergency workers on a plan to stabilize the building.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards visited the site and took part in news briefings soon after

the collapse. The Democrat was defending his seat in a primary election Saturday that forced him into a runoff next month.

The new Hard Rock Hotel was under construction at the corner of Rampart and Canal streets, a broad boulevard just outside the Quarter that is lined with restaurants, hotels and retailers. Canal, which carries six lanes of traffic divided by a wide median where streetcars roll, separates the Quarter from the city's main business district.

As search and rescue efforts unfolded, police stood sentry around a group of people on the Canal Street median believed to be loved ones of the missing. A woman nearby said she was trying to find out the status of her brother, a worker at the site. She declined to give her name, wiping tears from her eyes as she walked away.

Removal of the damaged crane and cleanup of massive piles of debris promised to be an enormous undertaking in the days ahead, expected to tie up traffic and commerce. Among area buildings evacuated was the Saenger Theatre, where traveling companies perform Broadway shows regularly.

Hard Rock International issued a statement expressing sympathy for victims and their families. The statement said the company had a licensing agreement with the building's owner, Kallias Companies, and Hard Rock had no involvement in the construction.



SCOTT THRELKELD, THE (BATON ROUGE, LA.) ADVOCATE/AP

Workers receive help after a large portion of a hotel under construction suddenly collapsed in New Orleans on Saturday.

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Tonya Maslar holds a photograph on Thursday of her mother, Roberta Tandarchi, taken before her death in 1991 in Ravenna, Ohio. A sketch of Tandarchi drawn by serial killer Samuel Little, who claims Tandarchi was one of his many victims, lies in the background.

## Prolific serial killer's portraits of victims could help crack cold cases

By DAN SEWELL  
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Associated Press

Most of the women in Samuel Little's hand-drawn portraits seem to be frowning.

Their hair is short and curly or long and straight. They stare straight ahead or slightly off to the side. Some wear lipstick and jewelry.

Little, whom the FBI identified this month as the most prolific serial killer in U.S. history, produced startlingly detailed likenesses of dozens of women he says he strangled over the course of more than three decades. Now the FBI is publicizing his portraits — hoping that someone, somewhere will recognize the face of a long-lost loved one in an image drawn by the killer himself.

"I'm not sure I have a better solution in terms of how to get the information out there and how to notify families," said Claire Ponder Selib, interim executive director of the National Organization for Victim Assistance. "But I can only imagine seeing a drawing by the killer of your mother or your sister or your daughter who may have died 20, 30 years ago ... Honestly, I struggle with this."

The FBI's publication of the images was made possible by a unique set of circumstances: The killer was not only willing to confess his crimes but had a vivid memory of what his victims looked like and sufficient artistic ability to reproduce their faces. A Texas ranger who interviewed Little noticed he liked to draw and gave him art supplies behind bars.

The 79-year-old California inmate went on to produce more than 30 color portraits, which the



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

**Little has confessed to more than 90 slayings committed across the country between 1970 and 2005.**

FBI hopes will help law enforcement match Little's confessions to victims who, in many cases, have yet to be identified.

"The tactic of having a serial killer draw composites of his own victims is unprecedented," said Enzo Yaksic, a crime researcher who helped build the first national serial killer database. "This goes to show how serial killers retain minute details of their crimes and mull them over years later as these are the conquests that made them feel powerful and in control."

Little, he added, could "inflict trauma on his victim's relatives indirectly with the drawings and that is undoubtedly a small payoff for him."

Little has confessed to 93 slayings across the nation between 1970 and 2005, targeting prostitutes, women addicted to drugs and others he thought wouldn't be missed. Law enforcement agencies in several states have been able to confirm 50 slayings. They

are working to verify others but have been stymied because, in many cases, there is no missing person report and no body.

An FBI crime analyst who's been working on the Little case for more than a year said investigators felt they had little choice but to publicly release the portraits.

Little's portraits recently allowed police in Akron, Ohio, to provide answers to the family of Roberta Tandarchi, whose decomposing body was found in a wooded area nearly 30 years ago. Authorities had long ago ruled the cause of death as "unknown/undetermined," but her family suspected she had been murdered.

The Akron Beacon-Journal reported Friday that a detective summoned Tandarchi's daughter, Tonya Maslar, to the police station and showed her a portrait of a woman drawn by Little. The image was labeled "Akron, left in woods, 1990-91."

"That's her!" Maslar said. The paper said she cried and hugged her husband.

Attorneys for Little have said he is in failing health, and investigators are conscious they could be running out of time. In some cases, investigators will want to interview Little about cases to get more details from him.

Even after his death, law enforcement will be able to use his DNA and detailed videotaped interviews to close cases, said Christina Palazzolo, an analyst with the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program.

As for the portraits, Eric Witzig, a former homicide detective and FBI analyst, said it was a "brilliant investigative technique" to have Little draw his victims.

# Pregnancy bias continues 41 years after ban

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
Associated Press

For 41 years, federal law has banned pregnancy discrimination in the workplace. But the stories tumbling out last week show it's far from eradicated.

Promoted by presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's claim that she was forced out of a teaching job in 1971 because she was pregnant, scores of women have shared similar experiences on social media. Police officers, academics, fast-food workers, lawyers, flight attendants, administrative assistants and others say they hid pregnancies on the job or during interviews, faced demerit or negative comments and were demoted or even fired after revealing a pregnancy.

When some raised doubts about Warren's account — noting a 2007 interview in which she gave different reasons for leaving her job — women pushed back on Twitter and Facebook. Many say they accept Warren's explanation that she has grown more comfortable since 2007 sharing the real reason she resigned from the school was because the principal hired someone else once Warren became visibly pregnant.

"Pregnancy discrimination is real, and I believe Elizabeth Warren," tweeted Dr. Diane Horvath, an obstetrician and gynecologist who works at Whole Woman's Health, a clinic in Baltimore.

Horvath didn't even trust her own profession when she was interviewing for a family planning fellowship five years ago. She hid her pregnancy for 26 weeks during the application process, buying multiple suits to hide her growing belly.

"It was just the worry that I was going to be seen as less reliable because I was a parent," Horvath told The Associated Press. "There's no good time to have a baby."

Horvath noted that she was privileged. She knew she could talk on her medical degree if she didn't get the fellowship. But many women aren't so lucky.

"The stakes are so much higher if people can't get a job that will pay their rent and keep their kids from starving," she said.

The VII of the 1944 Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination by employers on the basis

of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. In 1978, it was amended to forbid discrimination based on pregnancy in any aspect of employment, including hiring, firing, pay and job assignments in companies with 15 or more employees.

Pregnant women have other protections on the job. Impairments from pregnancy, such as gestational diabetes, are considered disabilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and employers may have to offer accommodations for them.

But complaints about harassment and other violations are common. There were 2,790 cases alleging pregnancy discrimination filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 2018. That doesn't include cases filed with individual states or cases that simply aren't filed because prevailing discrimination can be tricky.

Employers may rescind a promised job, for example, without specifying why. "Employers have gotten much more discreet in acts of discrimination," said Craig Barkacs, a law professor at the University of San Diego School of Business who successfully prosecuted one of the first cases of pregnancy discrimination in the U.S. in 1992.

Barkacs said the problem affects women broadly, even those who aren't pregnant. "At some psychological level, there's a paradigm of what an efficient workplace is," he said. "Women even potentially becoming pregnant disrupts that work."

Barkacs thinks that's changing. More men and partners of pregnant women are taking parental leave, following high-profile examples like Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. That could make employers less likely to penalize pregnancy as a disruption, he said.

But Horvath believes real change will come only when the U.S. adopts more comprehensive laws promoting parenthood, including paid leave and subsidized child care.



Warren

## NATION

# New Calif. laws protect animals

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California will be the first state to ban the sale and manufacture of new fur products and the third to bar most animals from circus performances under a pair of bills signed Saturday by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The fur law bars residents from selling or making clothing, shoes or handbags with fur starting in 2023.

Animal rights groups cheered the measure as a stand against inhumane practices.

The proposal was vigorously opposed by the \$1 billion U.S. fur industry, and the Fur Information Council of America has threatened to sue.

It follows Newsom's signing of legislation that makes California the first state to outlaw fur trapping, and follows bans on sales of fur in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"California is a leader when it comes to animal welfare, and today that leadership includes banning the sale of fur," Newsom said in a statement. "But we are doing more than that. We are making a statement to the world that beautiful wild animals like bears and tigers have no place on trapeze wires or jumping through flames."

The fur ban doesn't apply to used products or those used for religious or tribal purposes. Also, it excludes the sale of leather dog and cat fur, cowhides, deer, sheep and goat skin and anything preserved through tannery.

It could mark a significant blow to the fur industry that makes products from animals including mink, chinchillas, rabbits and other animals. The U.S. retail fur industry brought in \$1.5 billion in sales in 2014, the most recent data available from the Fur Information Council.

Fashion designers including Versace, Gucci and Giorgio Armani have stopped or say they plan to stop using fur.

Under the California law, there



RICHARD VOGEL/AP

**Protesters with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals hold signs opposing the use of fur in Los Angeles in September 2018. California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Saturday signed bills that ban the sale and manufacture of new fur products and bar most animals from circus performances.**

is a fine of up to \$1,000 for multiple violations.

Animal rights groups have said animals may be subject to gassing, electrocution and other inhumane actions to obtain their fur.

Advocacy group Direct Action Everywhere said its working with activists to pass similar bills in cities nationwide, including Minneapolis and Portland, Ore., and it's optimistic California's law will spur action.

Opponents of the legislation have said it could create a black market and be a slippery slope to bans on other products.

The ban is part of a "radical vegan agenda using fur as the first step to other bans on what we wear and eat," spokesman Keith Kaplan, of the Fur Information Council, said in a prior statement.

He further said fake fur is not a renewable or sustainable option.

California joins New Jersey

and Hawaii in banning most animals from circus performances.

The law exempts domesticated dogs, cats and horses and does not apply to rodeos.

Circuses have been declining in popularity for decades. The most well-known act, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, closed in 2017 after 146 years of performances.

State officials say at least two circuses that include live animals were scheduled to perform in California this year. At least 18 circuses don't use animals, including Cirque du Soleil.

At first, critics warned the proposal was too broad and would affect county fairs, wildlife rescues or rehabilitation organizations.

In response, lawmakers narrowed the definition of circus to include "a performance before a live audience in which entertainment consisting of a variety of acts such as acrobats, aerialists,

clowns, jugglers or stunts is the primary attraction or principal business."

The law includes penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation.

The Southwest California Legislative Council opposed the law, saying it will prevent people from being able "to experience the thrill of a circus performance featuring beautiful, well-cared-for animals."

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals lauded both new laws.

The head of the Human Society of the United States also praised the law about fur products.

Also Saturday, Newsom signed legislation aimed at helping protect horses from slaughter.

The law requires public and private auction-yard operators to post new signage, maintain sworn statements and post identifying information online starting Jan. 1.

## Woman in her home fatally shot by officer

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A black woman was fatally shot by a white Fort Worth officer inside her home early Saturday after police were called to the residence for a welfare check, authorities said.

The shooting occurred after a neighbor told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he called the police nonemergency line to report that the front door to the home was open.

In body camera video released by police, two officers search the home from the outside with flashlights before one shoots. "Put your hands up, show me your hands!" One shot is then fired through a window.

Police said in a statement that the woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office identified her as Atatiana Jefferson, 28.

The officer does not identify himself as police in the video. Police said the officer, who's been on the force since April 2018, was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

In the statement, police said the responding officers saw a person near the window inside the home. The officer fired the single shot after "perceiving a threat," the statement said. The body camera video also included images of a gun inside the residence, but it's unclear if the firearm was found near the woman.

Authorities said the body camera footage was released soon after the shooting to provide transparency, but any video taken inside the house could not be distributed due to state law.

The shooting comes less than two weeks after a white former Dallas police officer was sentenced to 10 years in prison for killing her black neighbor inside his own apartment. Amber Guyger said during her trial that she mistook Botham Jean's apartment for her own, which was one floor below Jean's.

Guyger, 31, was convicted of murder for Jean's September 2018 death.

## Gunman opens fire at NH church wedding; 2 shot

Associated Press

PELHAM, N.H. — A gunman opened fire at a wedding ceremony inside a New Hampshire church Saturday, shooting two people, including the presiding bishop, before guests tackled the shooter and pinned him to the ground until police arrived, authorities said.

Dale Holloway, 37, was charged with first-degree assault for shooting Stanley Choate, 75, in the chest at the New England Pentecostal church, according to the state's attorney general's office. A second person, Claire McMullen, 60, was shot in the arm.

A third person, Mark Castiglione, 60, was struck in the head by an object.

**"This does not seem to be a random event, at least at this point."**

Joseph Roark  
Pelham, N.H., police chief

Choate, the presiding bishop at the wedding, was in serious condition at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, while McMullen was in good condition at a local hospital. Castiglione was treated at a hospital and released.

Holloway is expected to be arraigned Tuesday in Hillsborough County Superior Court.

Pelham police Chief Joseph Roark said no fatalities were re-

ported in the church shooting.

"This does not seem to be a random event, at least at this point," Roark said during a news conference Saturday afternoon outside the police department. He did not offer a motive for the shooting.

Police were called to the church shortly after 10 a.m. in Pelham, a town of about 13,000 on the border of Massachusetts. Pelham is nestled between the New Hampshire

capital, Concord, and Boston.

Roark said the church had just received active-shooter training from his department within the last year. He didn't know if people who subdued the shooter were trained the same way but said, "I think that is a standard that is being taught now to address the threat."

A funeral was scheduled to be held at the church after the wedding for Luis Garcia, 60. Garcia had been a minister at the church. He was shot and killed earlier this month, and Brandon Castiglione, 24, has been charged in his murder and is jailed. It was unclear if the two shootings were related.

Sunday services at the church were canceled, according to the attorney general's office.



## VETERANS

## Ex-fighter pilot, 97, still leading his crew home

By TOM HALLMAN Jr.  
The (Portland) Oregonian

All his life, Mel Hays was a man with a mission. He'd finish one and move onto the next. These were not jobs or tasks but something from which he discovered purpose and meaning.

And then — at age 93 — he lost it in a world that too often has little use for those marking time in their twilight years.

Four years earlier, his wife of 68 years died, and he left Grants Pass, Ore., and moved to the Portland, Ore., area to live with his daughter, Barb Johnson, and her husband, Mark. Then it was time to transition to a small apartment in a Washington County senior living community, Laurel Parc at Bethany Village.

While he wasn't mentally failing, his body had betrayed him. Hays had undergone multiple surgeries. He had back and heart problems. A World War II fighter pilot with the Army Air Forces, Hays had flown 35 combat missions, survived a crash landing and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Now, Hays could no longer walk. The pain in his legs was excruciating, and he had little sensation in his feet. To get around, the once athletic man required a sit-down mobility scooter.

His favorite song, "My Way," embodied his spirit, and he didn't want to live in a retirement and assisted living community. He so often asked his daughter why he was still alive that she gave him two books — "Half Full: Meditations on Hope, Optimism, and the Things That Matter" and "Living With Purpose in a Worn-out Body" — along with a handwritten note. It read:

"Dear PaPa,

My greatest wish for you is that someday you see your glass half full. I hope you will read a page a day & see your glass a little fuller. Life is what you make it! I love you with all my heart, Barb."

He barely glanced at the books. Hays accepted his fate, knowing how his long life would end.

He was wrong.

## The first jaunt

While puttering through the Laurel Parc lobby on his scooter one afternoon, he noticed a man with an upscale model scooter. Hays introduced himself to Ole and Bert Barker, a couple in their 90s who'd lived there for several years. Ole Barker said her husband, who had early stage dementia, longed to leave the building for something other than doctor's appointments.

On the spot, Hays made a decision, tell Ole Barker to have her husband in the lobby the next day. Hays offered to take him outside and ride with him around the neighborhood on their scooters.

During the 30-minute jaunt, Bert Barker told Hays he savored the scenery and fresh air, how good it — if only for a moment — to be free. Two days later, Hays



The (Portland) Oregonian

**Former fighter pilot Mel Hays leads the Laurel Park Scooter Club on an excursion in Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District in Washington County, Ore.**

took Barker out for a second ride.

That night, Hays thought about other residents with scooters. While he liked the amenities, food and staff at Laurel Parc, it could also be a velvet coffin.

What could he do to change it?

During World War II, Hays' mission was to protect allied bombers. He studied air routes and enemy tactics. The men who flew those bombers depended on him.

After every successful trip, Hays quietly uttered four words to himself: I got them home. Now, sitting in his apartment, Hays had a crazy plan to start a scooter club for residents. He'd lead the group, find a safe route and then bring them home.

At 93, Mel Hays found his final mission.

## A good catch

Hays was raised by alcoholic and abusive parents. His father moved the family from town to town, state to state, during the Great Depression, finally settling in Grants Pass, where he and his wife worked at a farmer's market, leaving Hays behind in Downey, Calif., to finish high school. After graduating, Hays joined his parents in Grants Pass.

One day, Virginia, the daughter of the couple that owned the farmer's market, threw a raw egg at him. He caught it with one hand. Virginia said he was a good catch.

That he was. They fell in love. Four days after meeting, though, the war forced Hays to leave Virginia. He sent an engagement ring to her from Italy and named his fighter plane "Ginger" in her honor.

After the war, Hays returned to Grants Pass. Mel and Virginia



Hays

were married, they had three kids, and he vowed to give his family a stable life.

He started a construction company. He hired his father

as a carpenter to give the man a measure of dignity. He paid his parents' medical bills. At the end of their lives, he told his parents he forgave and loved them.

When Hays moved into Laurel Parc, he knew he needed something to keep him busy. Cards, jigsaw puzzles and movie nights held little interest. He spent most of his time, mildly depressed, in his apartment watching television. He had to do something and thought it would be fun to supply power tools and lead a woodworking class for residents.

The administration thought otherwise.

Was forming an official scooter club nuts? He had to try.

He made his pitch to the administrator, telling her about Bert Barker's reaction to getting outside, and mentioning that other residents had heard about the outing and said they'd like the same experience. Hays got a yes.

He called the group The Laurel Parc Scooter Club. He remembered the power that came when World War II pilots climbed into planes with names and insignias, reminders they were fighting for something bigger than any one of them. The way Hays saw it, this club was also engaged in a fight — for independence and joy, for a bit of dignity when it seemed so

much had been taken away because they were old.

Hays figured the scooter club would be good advertising for the community. He got Laurel Parc to pay for flags to attach to the scooters. Printed on the flag was the name of the facility along with the designation, scooter club.

Twelve people joined the group, a number that made it possible for Hays to keep an eye on all of them. They rode through the neighborhood once a week.

Then Hays decided to take them to a nearby pub where they could have lunch and coffee. And, some days, a beer.

## Word spreads

Some of the riders quit for health reasons. But word spread in Laurel Parc and Hays always had 12 residents with scooters who wanted to go outside. Even Ole Barker, who didn't need a scooter, bought one so she could join her husband.

Hays stopped watching so much television and began studying maps to find places the group could explore. The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District maintains a series of paved trails around Bethany. Hays learned the rules and drilled them into his club members.

There were occasional issues. Some riders had memory problems, and Hays had to repeat instructions.

The club has been in existence four years now. No one calls it The Laurel Parc Scooter Club. It's simply called Mel's club.

Hays has settled into a schedule that scooter residents know and heart Ole Barker, whom Hays designated as the club's official secretary, is his wing woman.

Each week, she calls residents to see who is interested in going on a scooter ride with Hays.

Every Friday — except when it is too cold, hot or wet — he leads a tour that starts with military precision at 1 p.m. The trips, between 5 and 10 miles long, can last up to two hours.

Residents show up on their scooters, the official flag flapping, on a driveway behind the facility. They laugh and joke, the decades slipping away in an instant, as if they're grade-school kids let out for recess. Yet they are all aware of the reality.

A rider is missing because he had to be taken to the emergency room. A woman fell and feels frail, too nervous. All of them have aches and pains, their own feelings of loss that might not make sense to their children or grandchildren.

As the ride starts, a seriousness falls over the group. They are in a group, but still alone, all lost in thought.

They notice the little things: ducks in a pond, a man walking a dog, people jogging the path, a couple walking hand in hand, kids throwing a ball, golfers on the green, a mother pushing a baby stroller, the clouds, the sun, the wind, the changing seasons.

They know it won't last. It can't. They are old.

## A sad goodbye

Earlier this year, Hays felt it was time to say goodbye to Lola, who was his high school girlfriend and his oldest living friend. They broke up, met other people, got married and had families.

From time to time over the decades, Hays and his wife traveled with the woman and her husband. Both lost their spouses. The woman's family moved her to an assisted living community near them in Monmouth, Ore.

On this given day, Hays' daughter loaded his scooter onto a rack on the back of her vehicle and they headed south. Hays brought his high school yearbook, hoping to talk about old photos. The only thing the woman could remember was Mel Hays. They talked the best they could, but when saying they could not believe they had lived so long.

And then it was time to go. They both cried.

That night, back in his own small apartment, Hays turned reflective. Now nearly 98, he thinks the best they could do when he's gone. He's tried training a few people to take it over, just the way he once taught young pilots during World War II.

All good things, he tells himself, come to a natural end. He's not afraid to die. He's had a great run.

He's picked out his tombstone, had it engraved with the song lyric, "I did it my way" and made arrangements to be buried in a Grants Pass cemetery next to his wife.

For now, he has that last mission. He has routes to plan. Friday will be here soon.

## WIRED WORLD

## New playing field in high school esports

By ROBIN MILLER

*The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate*

BATON ROUGE, La. — There's a new team in town, but you won't find it on the football field, basketball court or baseball diamond.

The Southern Lab School High School Esports team huddles in the school's computer room to play video games, taking on some 2,100 teams nationwide, all vying for \$30,000 in scholarships.

Competitors include some local schools — McKinley High, University High, Lee Magnet High, Woodlawn High, Denham Springs High and St. Amant High.

All are part of the High School Esports League at [highschoolsportsleague.com](http://highschoolsportsleague.com), which began its fall season Sept. 30.

Southern Lab team members Cornelius Pointer and Robert Adams, both 17-year-old seniors, are already winners in the first round.

"We've definitely gotten off to a good start," said team sponsor Christopher Turner, the school's art teacher. "We know the competition is tough, but we're going to play for the \$30,000 in scholarships."

The team uses the school's equipment, although they're conducting a fundraiser to buy gaming computers, consoles and computer tables and chairs. They also can compete from home, something they would probably be doing anyway. But now they're playing toward a goal.

Turner said his daughters introduced him to gaming and he learned that many of his art students also played.

So he started looking for a way to harness that energy into a school activity. That's when he discovered the High School Esports League, which has turned high school gaming into an organized event.

"This is something they've been doing for fun but they can benefit from so much by being in this league," Turner said. "They can learn teamwork and strategy, and studies have shown that they can also develop STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills. They can also learn about computer codes and game development. This will give them so many opportunities."

Mason Mullenieux, CEO and co-founder of the league, said teams are required to have a teacher sponsor.

"The sponsor will get in touch with us,



PHOTOS BY TRAVIS SPRAEDLING, THE (BATON ROUGE, LA.) ADVOCATE/AP

From left, Southern Lab School Esports adviser Christopher Turner works with gaming team members Dacorian Marioneaux, Cristion Henry and Cornelius Pointer on Sept. 17 in Baton Rouge, La.

and we'll verify that they are a teacher and representing a high school team before we sign them up," he said.

Turner first gauged the interest at Southern Lab by forming a gaming club. More than 30 high school students, along with some qualifying eighth graders, have signed up so far, and 13 stepped up to form the esports team.

Like any school team, there's captains — sophomore Dacorian Marioneaux, 15, and junior Cristion Henry, 16. And they wear uniforms — official team shirts in the school's green and gold with a logo of a

jaguar playing at a computer console.

Technically, the jaguar is a kitten, the high school's mascot version of Southern University's Jaguar teams, and these kittens are fully supported by Principal Herman Brister Jr.

"This is an official team of the school," Brister said. "This expands the options for our students. It offers them new challenges, and I'm looking forward to watching the progress and enjoyment of our Esports Kittens."

Games played in the league are Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, Overwatch, Rock-

et League, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Rainbow Six Siege, Fortnite, Hearthstone, NBA 2K20, Madden 20, Minecraft survival games and Smite.

Teams compete within their time zone in tournaments organized through the league's website.

"We have four seasons," Mullenieux said. "The two major seasons are the fall and spring semesters. Both are eight-week seasons like any other sports team's season. Then we have two offseasons during the winter and summer breaks."

It costs the schools \$37 per player per season to participate.

Teams can play for national titles in the fall and spring seasons. Mullenieux said the league is planning for the two championship teams to meet this year for the \$30,000 in scholarships.

"We're even thinking of doing a televised event of that tournament," he said.

Not bad for a league founded as a hobby. Mullenieux and co-founder Charles Reilly had just graduated college when they started the league.

"It was after the (financial) crash, and we didn't have jobs, so we were delivering pizza," Mullenieux said. "We were both gamers, and we wanted to give something back to the high school community, so we started this."

The league began with individual players but began partnering with high schools as it became more organized. It offers free online "Partner Perks," including packages for club management, an esports curriculum and care packages for local area network parties.



Controllers are wielded by Southern Lab School Esports gaming team members in Baton Rouge.



Super Smash Brothers, on phone, foreground, and laptop, left, and NBA2K20, on laptop at right, are among the games played by Southern Lab School Esports gaming team members.

## NATION



PHOTOS BY MATIAS J. OCHER, THE MIAMI HERALD/AP

Dotti Clifford sits in her home in Key West, Fla. The home, which is roughly 100 square feet in size, has allowed her to live in an otherwise expensive neighborhood.

# Living the tiny life

## Home sizes go down as cost of living in Keys goes up

BY GWEN FILOSA  
Miami Herald

MIAMI — Miami-Dade is the most expensive metro in the U.S. for renters and one of the costliest for homebuyers.

Dotti Clifford lives the tiny life in Key West, Fla.

She has a tiny fridge. A tiny bed. A tiny bathroom. A tiny two-burner stove and a daybed. Her tiny lampshade does double duty as an earring holder.

Everything is squeezed into a tiny apartment of 100 square feet, formerly the front porch of an Old Town house.

All this tiny is how Clifford, 61, who relies on Social Security to pay her rent, affords to live in paradise.

She pays \$850 a month. She considers that a bargain in pricey Key West and is grateful for it.

"I still get so excited. I can't believe I live here," Clifford said.

An upbeat survivor of pancreatic cancer, her standing answer to "How are you?" is "I'm twist-and-shout happy!" As for living tiny, she said, "You have so much freedom to live out in the world."

Living in the Florida Keys either means giving up space or getting squeezed out of town. Housing costs have soared for years. But Hurricane Irma in September 2017 has hit Monroe County even harder, reducing rentals in the Middle and Lower Keys.

In order to stay in the Keys, more people have had to go small.

Rents in Key West, which was spared the agony of Irma, simply rose to meet the demand and grew as they have since 2011, when a studio or room generally went for \$850 a month. The same room or studio now rents for \$1,300 to \$1,600.

The median rent for an efficiency, or stu-

dio, in Key West is \$1,575, and "low" rent is \$1,235, according to Monroe County's latest limits on affordable housing units. The median one-bedroom home goes for \$1,765, but if you look on Facebook, studios are going for as much as \$2,000 and one-bedrooms for \$2,500.

According to the latest U.S. Census figures, the median household income in Key West is \$62,052. In Key Largo, which is unincorporated Monroe County, it's \$61,650. Median gross rent — rent combined with monthly expenses like taxes and utilities — in Key West is \$1,701, according to the Census. In the Upper Keys, it's \$1,375.

Count Dotti Clifford among the people who have learned to live in tiny living spaces, sometimes smaller than 200 square feet, in order to afford living in expensive Key West.

The housing crisis has made it hard for people to stay in the Keys without roommates or moving into a trailer.

More than 4,000 homes throughout the Keys were destroyed or had major damage from Hurricane Irma, according to a Monroe County memo released this year called "Post Hurricane Irma Disaster Recovery Housing Repair and Reconstruction Funding and Strategies."

Of those, the hardest hit were the mobile homes, manufactured homes and RVs, with 378 suffering major damage and 666 destroyed. According to a damage summary released by the county, Monroe's number of total housing units went from 41,569 to 40,389 after Irma. Of those not destroyed, 2,974 suffered major damage, summary figures show.

Many of the destroyed residences made up the affordable/workforce housing stock serving the thriving economy of the Flor-

ida Keys.

So, in Key West and along the entire island chain, residents are learning to make do. That includes renting a room in someone's house and abiding by the house rules: no overnight guests, no pets, no noise, no this and no that.

"You learn to live like a teenager," said Michele Rodriguez, 45, who has a room and a bathroom that costs less than market rate, which is about \$1,200 elsewhere in Key West.

Rodriguez is from the Bay Area and spent some time living in Melbourne, Australia, so she knows all about expensive housing. She found her place in Key West by word of mouth.

Rodriguez chooses to live with a makeshift minikitchen in her single room so she can spend her money on her high-rent business, Next Hot Yoga.

Despite the space crunch, Rodriguez finds humor in her home life.

"The joke is, I own a business, but I don't own a mattress," she said. "I don't want to get too comfortable there."

Is it worth it?

"It's the only way," Rodriguez said. "I got the cheapest on the island, and that was dumb luck."

A studio in Key West can range from a single room to a place in which a George Foreman grill and minifridge serve as a kitchen.

Brian Eversole and his girlfriend, Jocelyn Burdick, share a 400-square-foot apartment with their dog, Kaimana.

Eversole has lived on and off in Key West for 19 years. He's moved back four times. Key West is second to none when it comes to community — and also food, music and the blue water, he said.



Brian Eversole, Jocelyn Burdick and their dog, Kaimana, sit on the porch of their 400-square-foot apartment in Key West.



Elizabeth "Lizzy" Hoke sits on the platform bed in her home in Key West. The home is about 200 square feet.

"I love warm and tropical," he said. "I keep trying to find someone else, and I always feel like coming home."

"I feel like I grew up here, in a sense. The people in this town are great. It's always been a huge family."

As expensive and hard as it can get, Eversole said he's always been able to make it work financially. He's the operations manager at Lazy Dog, a kayak and paddle board tour company.

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Hoke lives in fewer than 200 square feet in a second-floor apartment of an Old Town house. The first floor has an apartment that the landlords rent on Airbnb. They keep her rent low by Key West standards.

Hoke and Rodriguez, like Clifford, pay an undermarket rent that's considerably less than the customary average of \$1,200 a month or higher for their spaces. Neither wanted to publicly disclose what they pay each month.

Hoke's home includes a loft double bed so she can have some storage and her desk underneath.

Hoke, who runs an organic food store and restaurant in Key West, wasn't sure she could live in such a small place when she first saw it.

But with some creativity, and gratitude for being able to live alone on the island, she learned that she could. The loft bed gives her more space.

She just has to be careful going to bed so that she doesn't smack her head on the ceiling fan blades.

"I have everything I need here," Hoke said. "I've learned to relax and appreciate what I have and make the most of it."



## NATION

By JOSEPH SERNA  
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LOS ANGELES — The flames erupted just after sunrise on a high canyon wall, far beyond the reach of earthbound firefighters.

As powerful winds sent embers rocketing through the Sierra Nevada foothills and closer to the towns of Magalia, Concow and Paradise, Calif., fire crews radiocoded anxiously for aircraft.

"Any news on air attack?" demanded one commander. "Let's get stuff up that we can get up."

But it would take nearly two hours for the first water-dropping helicopter to arrive and roughly six hours for the first air tankers to drop retardant on the fire because of dangerously strong winds.

Now, in the aftermath of the Camp fire, which killed 85 people and caused up to \$13 billion in damage, some are calling Cal fire's use of air tankers "costly and increasingly ineffective."

They insist that fixed-wing aircraft are too vulnerable to the blinding smoke and high winds of extreme fire conditions.

For residents living in wildfire country, the site of airplanes spewing clouds of pink retardant and helicopters dumping torrents of water onto flames can bring hope and reassurance — regardless of their usefulness. Similarly, the absence of aircraft from a wildfire will quickly inspire public criticism and outrage.

But the unprecedented death and destruction that wildfires have brought to California in the last two years have demonstrated the sharp limitations aircraft have when battling extreme fire behavior.

"There's, 'Why weren't air tankers flying? Why don't you have 747s? Like the aircraft are some kind of panacea," said Dennis Brown, aviation chief with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "Sometimes they're not necessary, and sometimes they're not practical. It's a risk versus gain."

Officials say the department's aerial fleet can use retardant to slow the movement of a flame front or use water drops to douse spot fires and clear escape routes. However, they say firefighting aircraft are no match for the types of wind-driven fire storms that have killed more than 130 people and taken out 20,000 homes since October 2017.

### Apparent shortcomings

The shortcomings of aircraft battling a massive wind-driven wildfire were painfully apparent in the early hours of the Camp fire.

Although the official cause of the fire remains under investigation, the blaze began near a Pacific Gas & Electric transmission tower, and the utility has announced that it was "probable that its equipment will be determined to be an ignition point of the fire."

The fire began at 6:29 a.m. Nov. 8 on a high point in a canyon near Palga. The flames, which were fueled by strong seasonal winds, spread quickly through dry grass



A California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection air tanker makes a fire-retardant drop on brush near California State University on May 14, 2014.

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

# 'Costly and ineffective'

In an era of extreme wildfires, some say the aircraft used to fight the blazes are limited

and timber, officials say. Across the canyon floor, Cal Fire firefighter Matt McKenzie said he was helpless to stop it. The nearest access road was too steep for his department's equipment, and the fire was likely to outrun any ground crews that could navigate the terrain on foot.

At 6:45 a.m., McKenzie put in a request with Cal Fire to get its fleet of helicopters and air tankers up earlier than scheduled. Cal Fire had told pilots to be ready to fly at 8 a.m. because of red flag conditions.

Pilot Dave Kelly had heard radio reports of the fire and decided to leave for work early. He was alone in his S2-T tanker when he took off at 7:44 a.m. that Thursday morning.

A smaller OV-10 Bronco air attack plane that orbits at a higher

elevation, so as to supervise and coordinate other firefighting aircraft, was two minutes behind him.

Kelly was the first pilot to fly over the Camp fire as smoke blotched out the sun and wind gusts carried burning chunks of vegetation and debris into the nearby towns of Paradise, Magalia and Concow, sparking new fires.

"It was just getting the crap beat out of you, basically," Kelly said of flying amid heavy wind gusts.

He first flew northeast to the origin point of the fire — at the mouth of a Feather River canyon, where he estimated winds were blasting at nearly 60 mph — and knew any retardant drop to cut off its flank was pointless.

"It'd probably still be in the air," said Kelly, who has been piloting

tankers since the fire storms in Southern California in 2003.

He banked his airplane to the right and made a loop. He then headed to the fire's western edge but found it was too turbulent to drop retardant. He then banked left and made a full loop until he was headed east, toward the fire's other flank.

Down in front of him, barely visible in the smoke, lay rows of unburned homes where he could drop pink retardant, its chemical mixture making anything it coats tougher to burn.

When tankers drop retardant, their goal is to be as slow and low as possible, Kelly said. To do that, pilots will pull their plane's flaps all the way down — creating more surface area along the wings to increase air resistance and giving the pilot greater control — while

at the same time rolling back on the throttle to slow the tanker to a relative crawl as it sinks in the air closer to the target.

So Kelly put the flaps all the way down, lowered the throttle and attempted his approach toward Paradise.

But instead of descending toward his target, his plane climbed 1,000 feet.

The winds that rolled over the Sierra Nevada ridges and up the canyon walls were lifting Kelly's 30,000-pound tanker when it should've dropped like a stone. Jostled continuously in the air, Kelly was forced to abandon the mission. Had he tried to approach it in the opposite direction, the winds rolling over the hills could've shoved his plane down into the ground without giving him time to react.

### 'The hardest part'

Kelly returned to the air base at 8:29 a.m. without dropping any retardant on the fire. The air attack supervisor orbiting above announced that all fixed-wing aircraft were grounded until further notice because of the conditions.

Only helicopters, which can function in higher winds, managed to operate during the fire and dropped water on evacuation routes to help residents escape.

"The hardest part is not being able to do your job," Kelly said. "Just sitting on the ground, everybody on the radios calling out. I kept hearing people sheltering in place and knowing people are going through that kind of traumatic event, and you're just sitting there, helpless."

Some residents who were slow to evacuate said they didn't realize how bad it was, in part due to the absence of air tankers roaring over their neighborhoods.

"As much as we want to get the red stuff on the ground where we need it, the effectiveness becomes pretty limited in the wind," said Jeffrey Kline, a former fire management officer with the Bureau of Land Management.

Cal Fire has long identified itself as having the world's premier firefighting aviation program, and is now poised to spend \$288 million on a dozen new twin-engine Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopters and seven C-130H air tankers.

After the Camp fire, however, critics are questioning that expense.

"While the Camp fire raged through Paradise, a fleet of air tankers located literally next door in Chico was grounded by high winds and dense smoke," wrote Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director of Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology.

In a report that harshly criticized the state's wildfire suppression strategy, Ingalsbee and other experts urged Gov. Gavin Newsom to convene a special task force on protecting homes from wildfires and warned that plans to expand Cal Fire's fleet of air tankers "would be a poor investment of taxpayer dollars."

## WORLD

**Trudeau wears armored vest after threat made**

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau donned an armored vest and appeared with a heavy security detail at a major election rally on Saturday.

Officials would not reveal the nature of a threat that led to the precautions. It resulted in a 90-minute delay before Trudeau appeared before about 2,000 supporters who had turned out at the election campaign ahead of the Oct. 21 vote.

Trudeau wore a suit jacket rather than his usual rolled-up sleeves and loosened tie and was wearing a vest, which was noticeable in photos taken at the event.

**Bangladesh indicts 8 militants in 2015 killing**

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A court in Bangladesh's capital has indicted eight suspected Islamist militants tied to a banned group over the 2015 killing of a man who published books on secularism and atheism.

Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal Judge Majibur Rahman read out the charges to six of the suspects Sunday; they pleaded not guilty. Another two, including a sacked military official, remained fugitives, but the judge issued arrest warrants for them.

Police said they belong to the domestic militant outfit Ansar al Islam.

**74 migrants rescued; 110 others turned back**

ROME — Humanitarian groups on Sunday said they have rescued 74 migrants on a rubber boat in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya while Tunisian authorities reported blocking a smuggling boat carrying 110 migrants from setting off for Italy.

Doctors Without Borders and SOS Mediterranean said their Ocean Viking ship rescued the migrants Sunday morning about 50 miles off the Libyan coast.

Tunisia's Interior Ministry said three coast guard boats pursued the smuggling boat after it left Friday night from the city of Sfax. The coast guard eventually forced the boat back toward Tunisia and rescued 25 migrants who had jumped into the sea.

**Pakistani visits Iran to mediate Saudi tensions**

TEHRAN, Iran — Pakistan's foreign minister said his country is opposed to any war between Iran and Saudi Arabia as he tries to mediate skyrocketing tensions between the U.S.-allied kingdom and its regional archrival.

Imran Khan is meeting with Iranian leaders in Tehran on Sunday before traveling to Saudi Arabia later in the week.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani warned during a joint press conference that Iran would respond to any threats, saying it was a "big mistake" to think it wouldn't do so.

From The Associated Press

# Ruling party favored as Poles vote

By VANESSA GERA  
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poles were voting Sunday in a parliamentary election that the ruling nationalist Law and Justice party was favored to win, buoyed by the popularity of its conservative agenda and generous social spending.

Concerns about democracy have made this one of the country's most momentous elections since the fall of communism 30 years ago. Critics fear Poland's illiberal turn could become irreversible if the party wins another four-year term.

More than 30 million voters were choosing lawmakers in the 460-seat lower house of parliament, the Sejm, and in the 100-seat Senate.

Law and Justice is the first party since the fall of communism to break with the austerity of previous governments, whose free-market policies took a mori-



**A man lets his son help him cast his ballot in elections for the Polish parliament in Warsaw on Sunday.**

CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

bund communist economy and transformed it into one of Europe's most dynamic.

However, many Poles were left out in that transformation and

inequalities grew, creating grievances. Law and Justice has skillfully addressed those concerns with popular programs, including one that gives away \$125 to fami-

lies per month per child, taking the edge off poverty for some and giving others more disposable income regardless of wages.

"I'm happy because finally, after so many years of communist captivity, we have real professionals in the government," said Marek Paciorek, a voter in Warsaw who backed Law and Justice.

However, critics fear that four more years for Law and Justice will reverse the democratic achievements of this Central European nation. They cite an erosion of judicial independence and of minority rights since the party took power in 2015.

Polls over the past week gave Law and Justice between 40% and 45% support, with the second-strongest force — the centrist pro-EU Civic Coalition, whose biggest party is Civic Platform — getting around 25% of the vote. An alliance of three left-wing parties has polled between 10% and 15%.

## Cardinal Newman, a unifying church figure, declared a saint

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Sunday canonized Cardinal John Henry Newman, the 19th-century Anglican convert who became an immensely influential, unifying figure in both the Anglican and Catholic churches.

Francis presided over Mass on Sunday in a packed St. Peter's Square to declare Newman and four women saints.

Among the luminaries on hand was Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, who penned a remarkable ode to Newman that was published in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

Newman, a theologian and poet, was admired by Catholics and Anglicans alike because he followed his conscience at great personal cost. When he defected from the Church of England to the Catholic Church in 1845, he lost friends, work and even family ties, believing the truth he was searching for could be found only in the Catholic faith.

Anglicans split from Rome in 1534 when English King Henry VIII was refused a marriage annulment. In the centuries that followed, Catholics in Britain were fined, discriminated against and killed for their faith.

In his editorial, Charles said that Newman's fearless, honest example was needed today in an era marked by division and intolerance "for the manner in which, at his best, he could advocate without accusation, could disagree without disrespect and, perhaps most of all, could see differences as places of encounter rather than exclusion."

Newman was one of the founders of the so-called Oxford Movement of the 1830s, which sought to revive certain Roman Catholic doctrines in the Church of England by looking back to the traditions of the earliest Christian church.

But he gave up a brilliant academic career at Oxford University and the pulpit of the university church to convert to Catholicism in 1845. As a Catholic, he became one of the



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

**A tapestry hanging from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica portrays John Henry Newman in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, where he was canonized Sunday.**

most influential theologians of the era, bringing elements of the Anglican church into his new faith tradition.

## Brexit divorce talks between UK, EU go down to the wire

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson told Cabinet colleagues that it will require a "significant amount of work" to strike a Brexit deal with the European Union, amid signs of progress in last-minute talks but also deep-seated skepticism about the chances of an agreement.

Britain is due to leave the 28-nation bloc on Oct. 31, and attempts to find a deal have foundered over plans for keeping an open border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland.

The challenge of maintaining an invisible border — something

that underpinned both the local economy and the region's peace deal — has dominated Brexit discussions for three years, ever since U.K. voters chose in 2016 to leave the EU.

Negotiations intensified last week after Johnson and Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said they could see a "pathway" to a divorce agreement that avoids a no-deal Brexit, something economists say would hurt both the U.K. and EU economies.

Both sides say substantial gaps remain and it's unclear whether they can be bridged in time for an orderly British departure at the end of this month.

A crucial EU summit, the last

scheduled chance to strike a deal, begins Thursday. A Brexit deal is reached, it still needs to be approved by both British and European parliaments. Many British lawmakers — on both pro-Brexit and pro-EU sides of the debate — remain unconvinced.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said Sunday that his party was unlikely to support any deal agreed upon by Johnson.

Lawmaker Nigel Dodds, of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party — which props up Johnson's Conservative minority government — has rejected one suggested compromise in which

Northern Ireland stayed in a customs partnership with the EU in order to remove the need for border checks.

The DUP strongly opposes any measures that would treat Northern Ireland differently than the rest of the U.K.

Other Brexit supporters signaled they could back such a deal.

House of Commons leader Jacob Rees-Mogg, a strong Brexiter, said a "compromise will inevitably be needed, something even the staunchest Leavers recognize, albeit unwillingly."

Rees-Mogg told Sky News that the chances of a Brexit agreement were rising.

## WORLD

# France, Cyprus conduct exercises

Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — France and Cyprus are conducting naval maneuvers off Cyprus as the east Mediterranean island nation is embroiled in a tense dispute with Turkey over offshore gas drilling.

Two French frigates heading to Syria planned to take part in "routine" exercises in Cypriot waters this past weekend, a French military spokesman, Col. Frederic Barbry, said Saturday.

One ship arrived Thursday and the other was due to arrive Sunday. France, part of the U.S.-led military coalition, maintains a naval presence off the coast of Syria for monitoring and coordination purposes, Barbry said.

The maneuvers come as a Turkish drill ship, which is escorted by warships, is poised to start drilling inside waters where Cyprus has licensed French energy company Total and Italian partner Eni to explore for gas.

Another warship-escorted Turkish drill ship began drilling in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone in June. The European Union and other countries have condemned Turkey's gas search inside Cypriot waters as illegal.

French Defense Minister Florence Parly tweeted Saturday that the joint exercises would enable Cyprus to "assume its responsibilities in its sovereign waters."

Turkey, which doesn't recognize the statehood of Cyprus, has insisted it's acting to protect its economic interests and those of breakaway Turkish Cypriots in the north of the ethnically divided island.

It claims that 44% of Cyprus' exclusive economic zone falls within Turkey's continental shelf.

Cyprus Defense Minister Savvas Angelides said the maneuvers send a message about his country "exercising its rights within its exclusive economic zone" as the government strives to "counter Turkey's actions through legal, political and diplomatic means."

Eni and Total together are licensed to carry out exploratory drilling in seven of Cyprus' 13 blocks that make up its exclusive economic zone. Eni said it expects the work to begin in the first half of next year.



PHOTOS BY FERNANDO VERGARA/AP

Anti-government demonstrators carry tires to set up a barricade during clashes with police in Quito, Ecuador, on Saturday.

## President orders army onto streets of Ecuador's capital amid protests

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
AND GONZALO SOLANO  
Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador — President Lenin Moreno ordered the army onto the streets of Ecuador's capital Saturday after a week and a half of protests over fuel prices devolved into violent incidents, with masked protesters attacking a television station, newspaper and the national auditor's office.

Moreno said the military-enforced curfew would begin at 3 p.m. local time in response to violence in areas previously untouched by the protests. Around 1 p.m., masked protesters broke into the national auditor's office and set it ablaze, sending black smoke billowing across the central Quito park and cultural complex that have been the epicenter of the protests.

About two hours later, a group of several dozen masked men swarmed the offices of the private Telemazonas television station in northern Quito, set fires on the grounds and tried to break into the building where about 20 employees were trapped.

"They're trying to enter the station, trying to break down the doors, we're asking for help but the police aren't coming," one employee told The Associated Press by telephone on condition of anonymity because he was afraid of retaliation.

A journalist with the newspaper El Comercio told the AP that the paper's offices in southern Quito were also under attack. The building's security guards were seized and tied up, and attackers were trying to break into offices where journalists were hiding, the journalist said, also under condition of anonymity.



A demonstrator takes cover with a traffic sign .

ity for fear of retaliation.

Moreno appeared on national television alongside his vice president and defense minister to announce that he was ordering people indoors and the army onto the streets.

He blamed the violence on drug traffickers, organized crime and followers of former President Rafael Correa, who has denied allegations he is trying to topple Moreno's government.

Moreno served Correa as vice president before he became president, and the two men went through a bitter split as Moreno pushed to curb public debt amassed on Correa's watch.

Moreno said the masked protesters had nothing to do with the thousands of indigenous Ecuadorians who have protested for nearly a week over a sudden rise in fuel prices as part of an International Monetary Fund-backed austerity package.

"I have ordered the Armed Forces Joint Command to im-

mediately undertake all the necessary measures and operations," Moreno said. "We are going to restore order in all of Ecuador."

The violence, curfew and military deployment came shortly after the announcement of a possible softening of Ecuador's 10-day standoff. Indigenous leaders of the fuel price protests that have paralyzed Ecuador's economy for days said early Saturday afternoon that they were willing to negotiate with Moreno over the austerity package.

The Confederation of Indigenous Nations of Ecuador said on Twitter that "we have decided to participate in direct dialogue" with Moreno.

Minutes later, Leonidas Iza, a Quechua leader from mountainous Cotacachi province, told Ecuavisa television that "we have asked for minimal conditions for dialogue," including what he called an end to government violence against protesters.

## Hong Kong protesters change their tactics

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Tearing a page out of ancient Chinese military philosophy, black-clad protesters in Hong Kong changed tactics and wreaked havoc by popping up in small groups in multiple locations across the city Sunday, pursued by but also often eluding police who made scores of muscular arrests.

The guerrillalike tactics sought to maximize the disruption and visibility of protests at a time when anti-government demonstrations have, as a whole, been showing signs of flagging as they stretch into a fifth month.

Pressure from a government ban on the face masks worn by many protesters and extreme violence earlier this month appear to have cooled the ardor of some demonstrators and whittled down protest numbers.

Online calls for gatherings to start at 2 p.m. in dozens of malls, parks, sports grounds and other locations triggered an afternoon of mayhem and marked a shift from earlier, more concentrated rallies in fewer spots.

"We're going to be more fluid and flexible," said Amanda Sin, 23, an office worker who joined a peaceful protest outside police headquarters in central Hong Kong. "We are interchanging different tactics."

Roaming clusters of hard-core protesters — too numerous, elusive and fast-moving to be policed — popped up out of nowhere, vandalizing stores, blocking traffic with makeshift barricades and spraying protest graffiti, often holding up umbrellas to shield their activities from view.

Masked protesters wielding hammers wrecked a Huawei store that was apparently targeted because of the brand's links to mainland China. On another store broken into and trashed, protesters sprayed, "We are not stealing."

The words "black heart" were sprayed in black inside a vandalized Starbucks, another frequent target of the anti-government and anti-China protests that have gripped the semiautonomous Chinese territory since June.

Changing strategies to adapt to shifting circumstances is a notion deeply ingrained in Chinese thinking, notably detailed in the ancient military treatise "The Art of War," and inspiring Mao Zedong's Communist revolutionaries on their route to seizing power in China in 1949.

In Hong Kong, protesters speak of being "like water," fluid and adaptable.

"It's a guerrilla kind of demonstration," said Edmund Tang, 59, who slept overnight at the rally outside police headquarters that started Saturday and was still going strong Sunday, with about 200 people, many of them retirees.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Plane hits car during emergency landing

**OH** DAYTON — A plane crash turned into a traffic crash when a small aircraft having engine trouble made an emergency landing on an Ohio roadway and rear-ended a car near an intersection.

The two pilots aboard the plane and the driver in the BMW they hit weren't seriously hurt in the Thursday afternoon crash. It happened a couple of miles from an airport just south of Dayton.

State Highway Patrol Sgt. Jeff Kramer said the 1979 Piper fixed-wing, single-engine plane had trouble as it was returning to the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport.

The pilot then aimed to land in a cornfield but worried about avoiding some power lines, so she switched plans to try for the roadway.

## Steer charms town, is saved from slaughter

**ID** POST FALLS — A 1,000-pound steer named Carlos who charmed area residents in northern Idaho has avoided a trip to the slaughterhouse after neighbors raised money to buy him.

The Coeur d'Alene Press reported on Wednesday that neighbors of Bill Guy's farm in west Post Falls raised \$1,100 to purchase the well-known steer following a "Save Carlos" campaign.

Campaign organizer Alisha Kreissig said Carlos, 4, comes where he's called, enjoys being petted and loves apples, lettuce and most of all the grass clippings from lawns.

Carlos will remain living at Guy's farm as part of the deal.

## Tests show couple hurt by raccoon, not bobcat

**FL** FORT LAUDERDALE — Officials said a Florida couple who believed they were attacked by a bobcat earlier this month were actually attacked by a raccoon.

The Sun Sentinel reported Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman Carol Lyn Parrish said DNA tests of hair confirmed the species of the animal that maulled a Lauderdale woman on Oct. 4. State investigators received the results Thursday.

The couple, Rupert Fray, 71, and Eslyn Fray, 85, were released from the hospital Thursday. The husband said he fractured a hip, while the wife lost the tip of her right ring finger and is recovering at a rehabilitation facility.

## Man sentenced for smuggling box turtles

**PA** HARRISBURG — A Chinese man who authorities said helped smuggle nearly 80 endangered box turtles out of the U.S. while attending a Pennsylvania college has been sentenced to a year in prison.

Jaia Sheng was sentenced Thursday. He pleaded guilty last year to smuggling goods from the



JOHN RUCOSKY, THE (JOHNSTOWN, PA.) TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT/AP

## Squeezing in a birthday song

Rebekah Manor Personal Care residents Michael Saxon, left, who turned 102 on Oct. 3, and Anna Szymusiak, who will turn 102 on Thursday, are entertained by musician Tom Voytas during a birthday party for them both in Ebensburg, Pa., last week.

United States.

Authorities said Sheng, 21, was living in State College and studying at Penn State University in November 2017 when he participated in a China-based smuggling ring.

## Man arrested after pot found in wrapped boxes

**NE** WOOD RIVER — The Nebraska State Patrol said a trooper found nearly 70 pounds of marijuana inside gift-wrapped boxes in a vehicle.

The discovery happened Thursday afternoon on Interstate 80 near Wood River in south-central Nebraska. The trooper had pulled over a sport utility vehicle on suspicion of following another vehicle too closely.

A search of the SUV turned up 68 pounds of marijuana in large gift-wrapped boxes. The trooper said the driver told him the packages were gifts for a new baby.

The 56-year-old California man was arrested on several drug-related charges.

## College ends 187-year sheepskin tradition

**IN** CRAWFORDSVILLE — A private liberal arts college in western Indiana is ending its 187-year-old tradition of printing diplomas on sheepskin, citing increasing prices for the material and deteriorating quality.

The announcement by Wabash College in Crawfordsville leaves

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Rockwell is traveling across Georgia to raise awareness for the Emmaus House, a Savannah food shelter.

The number of miles a man is traveling across southern Georgia in a wheelchair. News outlets reported Paul Rockwell recently embarked on the trip from Savannah to Plains. His goal is to arrive in Plains in time to see former President Jimmy Carter teach Sunday school on Oct. 27.

only Virginia Military Institute in offering the specialty diplomas.

Administrators said the decision was made in April because the quality of sheepskin diplomas was worsening while the prices were increasing.

## Man, blind Chihuahua rescued after ravine fall

**OR** ST. HELENS — Firefighters rescued a man and his 18-year-old blind Chihuahua, Rocky, after the pair became trapped in a ravine near a St. Helens park.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported the man called authorities from his cellphone around 5:45 p.m. Thursday and told the operator he had fallen into a canyon while looking for his Chihuahua, which had wandered into a ravine.

Firefighters were able to make voice contact with the man and found a trail which they rappelled down to reach the man and dog.

The man and his dog were mostly unharmed and were guided back up the ravine.

## Man charged in sex sting after trying to meet girl

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A 32-year-old man faces federal charges alleging he walked hundreds of miles from central Indiana to Wisconsin to have sex with someone he thought was a 14-year-old girl.

The Indianapolis Star cited a Department of Justice statement Friday as saying the person posing as a girl named "Kylee" was a sheriff's deputy working with the FBI in a sting.

It said Tommy Lee Jenkins, of Whitestown, Ind., began communicating online on Oct. 1, thinking Kylee lived 350 miles away with her mom in Neenah, Wis.

After deciding to walk, he allegedly sent selfies and photos of exit signs to show he was getting closer.

## Gas balloon team wins annual distance contest

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Polish balloon pilot Krzysztof Zapart and American

teammate Andy Cayton are the apparent winners of the 2019 America's Challenge gas balloon race.

The team crossed the Canadian border and landed Thursday just south of Hudson Bay, having traveled more than 1,600 miles after launching from Albuquerque earlier in the week.

America's Challenge is one of the world's premier distance races for gas balloons. The team that travels the longest distance wins.

## Woman: Car was stolen twice in the same day

**MS** ST. LOUIS — A woman said she was carjacked in St. Louis twice in the same day by the same men.

Ariane Moore told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that her 2011 Chevy Cruze was first taken Oct. 6 when she and three friends were about to leave a St. Louis festival. The 28-year-old said two armed men ordered them out of the car and took off with it.

Moore said she used GPS tracking to locate her car that day and asked police to meet her there.

Moore said police left while she waited for a locksmith to arrive to let her back in her vehicle. She said the same men then took her car again while she was waiting.

St. Louis police spokeswoman Michelle Woodling said police offered to stay with Moore but she declined. Moore disputes that.

From wire reports

## FACES

# Snappy subject

## Why the appeal of 'The Addams Family' endures

By MICHAEL CAVNA  
The Washington Post

Charles Addams' ashes may well be interred at his Hamptons estate's pet cemetery, but the inspired creatures sired by his macabre imagination died by the wayside.

The clan of cartoon matriarch Morticia Addams first moved into the pages of The New Yorker magazine eight decades ago, and the ghoulish characters finally got names in 1964, when "The Addams Family" found a prime-time TV home for two seasons and snapped theirooky-kooky way into the American consciousness — soon establishing permanent pop-culture residence that's proved as immortal as their opening-theme earworm.

The numerous adaptations since, in film and on Broadway, have brought Oscar and Drama Desk nominations, and Morticia remains a mother of reinvention: As a Halloween-ready animated film, "The Addams Family" opened Friday, featuring the voices as Charlize Theron, Oscar Isaac, Chloe Grace Moretz and Finn Wolfhard.

Yet just what is it about this oddly gothic brood, forever clad in black humor, that keeps audiences gleefully returning to the Addams' webbed doorknobs?

Conrad Vernon, who directed the new movie with Greg Tiernan, grew up on reruns of the hit '60s series. Vernon was

initially bewitched by the show's quirkier creature aspects — "All that stuff was really fun," he says — but the lure of what was beating beneath that haunted facade kept him tuned in.

"At its core, it was a family that really cared and loved each other," says Vernon ("Monsters vs. Aliens," "Sausage Party"). "As frightened as I might have been as a kid by the stuff in their house, I always knew that Morticia and (husband) Gomez loved their children and wanted the best for them."

"It kind of made you feel safe in this unsafe environment, which is a really fun place to be."

By working behind the black mask of the macabre, Addams — a New Jersey native distantly related to the two Adams presidents — felt free to satirize social conventions, including the pressure to conform. (The new animated film plays off that motif, with a villain whose reality-show goal is blind communal assimilation.)

"He set out to undermine clichés," says Francoise Mouly, the New Yorker magazine's art editor since 1993. "His target was conventional wisdom and conformity, but in crafting his loving portrayal of loners and monsters, he established archetypes that survived the test of time" — including the Addams children, Wednesday and Pugsley, plus looming butler Lurch (voiced



METRO GOLDWYN MAYER PICTURES/AP

**Morticia and Gomez Addams are ever weird, and ever loving. The Addams Family, which started as ghoulish unnamed characters in the New Yorker magazine eight decades ago, are in movie theaters again, this time in animated form.**

by Vernon in the new movie), odd Uncle Fester and the potion-nappy Grandmama.

Often, to pierce those social facades, the best rapier — as swordsman Gomez could appreciate — was the wit of the weird.

"Addams was one of the first to realize how much weirdness could be tolerated in a cartoon — how far apart the frames of reference could be and still mash up

to make a joke work," says Bob Mankoff, cartoon editor for Air Mail and Cartoon-Collectors.com. "And he was a progenitor of understanding the connection between humor and horror, (which) is hilarious because it's both disturbing and at the same time friendly."

"He tapped into the paranoia that is with us now more than ever."

## Merchant honored with Lennon award

At this stage of her life, Natalie Merchant is more proud of getting an honor named for John Lennon because of what it says about her activism than her music.

The singer is the sixth recipient of the John Lennon Real Love Award, and will headline a tribute concert to the former Beatle in New York on Dec. 6.

"It's gratifying," Merchant said in an interview. "To have any connection to John Lennon, especially with activism, is quite prestigious and meaningful to me because he was one of the main artists who inspired me when I was growing up to think about the wider world and my impact on it."

Merchant volunteers three times a week for a Head Start program near where she lives in Hudson Valley, helping disadvantaged children. She often performs free concerts for children and, at the height of her fame three decades ago, volunteered at a homeless program in Harlem, where most of the people thought she was a student from nearby Columbia University.

She got to know Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, when they worked on the anti-fucking movement in upstate New York.

Merchant, 55, records and performs sporadically now and, aside from guiding her teenage daughter through high school and into college, said her activism takes up most of her time.

"These projects, for a good reason, they suck your life blood," she said. "I began to see these



**Natalie Merchant, shown in December 2018, is the sixth recipient of the John Lennon Real Love Award, and will headline a tribute concert to the former Beatle in New York on Dec. 6.**

projects as much more important than making another Natalie Merchant record."

Joan Osborne, Rachael Yamagata and Sam Amidon are among the other artists who will perform at the annual Lennon tribute, now in its 39th year.

Merchant, who calls "Imagine" one of the most powerful pieces of music ever recorded, is already rehearsing some Lennon songs with her accompanist for the tribute.

"The thing that we want to do is not faithfully perform the songs as John recorded them, to give stylistic alterations," she said. "It will be fun. We don't want to feel like we're a John Lennon karaoke group."

From The Associated Press

## Kidd's next novel imagines a married Jesus

Associated Press

Sue Monk Kidd's next novel is very much a work of fiction.

"The Book of Longings" is the fourth novel by the author known for such best-sellers as "The Secret Life of Bees" and "The Invention of Wings," a 19th-century slavery narrative that Oprah Winfrey chose for her book club. "The Book of Longings" is told from the point of view of a restless young woman from the Galilee region named Ana, who meets Jesus when he's 18 and eventually marries him. According to Viking, the marriage "unfolds with love and conflict, humor and pathos." Kidd draws upon historical research, but Ana is entirely invented.

"I believe the aim of the novelist is not only to hold up a mirror to the world as it is, but to imagine what's possible," Kidd told The Associated Press in a recent mail. "From the moment the idea of writing this novel struck me, I felt the importance of at least imagining a married Jesus. Doing so provokes a fascinating question: How would the Western world be different if Jesus had married and his wife had been included in his story? There are only speculative answers, but I think Christianity and the Western world would have had a somewhat different religious and cultural inheritance, especially when it came to the egalitarian roles of women, to celibacy, and so forth. Why imagine a woman married to Jesus? Because stories of possibility challenge us to create new realities."

Viking announced Friday that Kidd's new book, originally titled "Ana, the Wife of Jesus," comes out April 28, 2020. Kidd has written about religion and spirituality in her nonfiction works, including "Firstlight" and "The Dance of the Dissident Daughter."

The canonical gospels make no reference to Jesus ever marrying, but scholars, conspiracists and fiction writers have long speculated whether he wed Mary Magdalene, most famously (and controversially) in Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code." Kidd said that her novel is, in part, a response to the marginalized status of women in the Bible.

"The invisibility and silencing of women were

real things. In the scriptures, women rarely have speaking parts and they aren't mentioned nearly as often as men," she told the AP. "It could even be argued that in the first-century Jewish world of Galilee, marriage was so normative, it more or less went without saying. Typically undertaken at 20 (though sometimes up to age 30), marriage was a man's civic, family and sacred duty. There are compelling reasons to support both sides of the argument. The matter is likely irresolvable."

"All I know," she added, "is that Ana wandered into my imagination and I couldn't ignore her."

## Report: Driver recklessness caused crash injuring Kevin Hart

A man driving Kevin Hart's vintage muscle car accelerated recklessly on a Southern California highway, causing the accident that left the comedian, driver and another passenger seriously injured, investigators said in a report released Thursday.

Jared Black was turning on to Mulholland Highway near Malibu early on Sept. 1 when he accelerated and lost control while driving the comic actor's 1970 Plymouth Barracuda with Hart and Black's fiancée, Rebecca Broxterman, as passengers, the report from the California Highway Patrol said.

The car then careened down an embankment and slammed into a tree, the report said. Evidence from an examination of the Plymouth suggested no one had been wearing seatbelts.

"I have nothing but love for Jared and wish him and Rebecca a speedy recovery," Hart said in a statement released later Thursday.

Authorities previously said that Hart, 40, and Black, 28, suffered major back injuries while Broxterman, 31, had serious injuries.

Hart's attorney, Andrew Brettler, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the actor is doing OK, still recovering from his injuries and doing physical therapy at home. Hart is limiting his professional commitments but expects to be back at work by the beginning of next year, Brettler said. The report reiterated that Black was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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## OPINION

## Tech firms ought to deploy common sense

By SHIRA OVIDE

Bloomberg Opinion

The watchwords these days for internet companies are transparency and control. Facebook, Twitter, Google and other companies want to make it more clear — in theory — what information they're vacuuming up. And in theory, they're letting people limit what data is collected or how the companies harness that information to target ads or improve their computerized systems.

This is all great, in theory. In practice, of course, transparency and control can be less than they seem. And even in principle, it sometimes misses the point. What if, in addition to transparency and control, internet companies deployed this sophisticated technology called "common sense" when they're building and spreading their products?

For example, when Facebook got caught using phone numbers that people entered for account security to target ads, the company (belatedly) said it should have told users what it was doing.

"We'll either have more disclosures and be very transparent about it, or we will no longer utilize it for ads," Facebook executive Carolyn Everson told an interviewer last week. Twitter on Tuesday also disclosed that it may have targeted ads based on the information people entered to keep their accounts secure. Twitter said this was an error, although the company didn't say how long this practice had gone on.

For Facebook, the choice Everson stressed was the most in the end. As part of a recent Federal Trade Commission settlement of an investigation into user privacy violations, Facebook committed to not using account-safeguard information for advertising.

The broader point lives on. Was the problem that Facebook (and Twitter) didn't dis-

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close this activity? Yes. The other problem is that the companies were using personal information in ways that people should not and could not reasonably expect.

Most people wouldn't think that entering a phone number into their account for security purposes might be used for advertising. That's a good signal that companies shouldn't do it in the first place.

Ditto for the recent reporting about Facebook and other companies having humans transcribe text from users' audio snippets. Yes, it was wrong that Facebook didn't tell people who turned on an audio transcription feature in Messenger that humans might be listening to portions of their chats.

Dave Limp, the Amazon executive overseeing Alexa-powered devices, told tech news publication GeekWire on Wednesday that he wishes his company had been more transparent about the human reviewers of Alexa audio recordings. Hours later, Bloomberg News reported that Amazon workers review select video clips captured by the company's Cloud Cam home security cameras.

Amazon does not explicitly tell people who own a Cloud Cam that humans are reviewing their video snippets to improve the

device's motion-detection software. Amazon said the video clips are provided voluntarily, but two sources told Bloomberg that the video review teams have picked up private activity of homeowners, including rare instances of people having sex.

Limp said at the GeekWire conference that Amazon considered allowing human review of audio clips from Alexa-powered devices only if the device owners explicitly agreed to it. Ultimately, he said, Amazon decided that human review is essential to improve the Alexa technology and said Amazon wants to use people's data to improve technology for the company's customers. Amazon, in short, has unilaterally decided that what's best for people is to be poorly informed guinea pigs to improve an Amazon technology.

And regardless of what Facebook, Amazon, Twitter or other companies do or don't disclose in the fine print, do people using such services when they activate voice cameras and voice-activated assistants like Alexa and Apple's Siri expect humans to listen to snippets of their conversations or watch clips of video filmed inside their homes? Of course not.

People might intuitively understand that their voice recordings are stored in a company database somewhere, but common sense should tell those companies not to do things people should not anticipate.

Companies shouldn't just rely on disclosure or measures of control as a cure-all for aggressive use of people's personal information. Yes, by all means companies should be transparent about what they're using an informed choice, but companies also shouldn't do stuff in the first place that people wouldn't expect. If Siri or Alexa stay a little dumb because they can't harness people's voice clips and home video to train them, so be it.

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## Applaud how teacher addresses religious freedom

By THOMAS WHEATLEY

Special to The Washington Post

If you believe gender is determined by biological sex, consider yourself warned: You are not welcome at West Point High School in West Point, Va.

Or at least, if you do believe as much, keep your mouth shut. On Friday, the school board overseeing West Point High School voted unanimously to terminate the employment of French teacher Peter Vlaming. The reason? Vlaming refused to use a transgender student's preferred pronoun, citing religious reasons.

"After much thoughtful deliberation, the School Board voted to support the superintendent's recommendation [to terminate Vlaming]," the school board said in a brief statement in 2018. "The School Board has adopted policies and tonight we upheld these policies."

The school's decision posed a foreboding and dark augury for the First Amendment. Fortunately, more than a year after his firing, Vlaming is fighting back.

Teaming up with the Alliance Defending Freedom, Vlaming has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against West Point High, saying the school has "made this case about far more than titles or pronouns; they have made it about dueling views of human nature and compelling conformity to, and support for, only one view. Under the timeless free speech principles enshrined in the Virginia Constitution and laws, [the school] cannot compel one side to voice the other's beliefs."

Good for Vlaming. Free speech and the

free exercise of religion make up the bedrock of a free society. Indeed, the rule that the government cannot compel a citizen to speak against his conscience is normally beyond reproach. Yet when it comes to the political orthodoxy of the gender identity movement, that fundamental proverb of a free people gets conveniently forgotten, lending superficial credibility (and in some European countries, the force of law) to the inane and supremely ironic conclusion that some viewpoints must be stifled to protect "human rights."

The reason for this, as any dutiful transgender rights activist will explain, flows from the immaculate compass for all human endeavors: science. Science, one must remember, teaches that "gender" must not be commingled with any understanding of "sex." And, after all, who are we to question the wisdom of science (or, apparently, the normative conclusions derived therefrom)?

Let's be clear. No person in the scientific or medical community has decided or has the power to decide that a single person's subjective understanding of himself can be binding on others and enforceable at law to the detriment of other constitutional rights. Not a single one. Saying otherwise is making sentimental pleas to avoid "misgendering" some "destiny we abandon 'dignity,' 'respect' and 'safety' for nonbinary people, you see), nothing more than glossy vernacular designed to obfuscate an otherwise clearly unlawful power grab — one that is anchored firmly in the perverse conviction that equality before the law is something to be "overruled" by the free speech and the free exercise of religion.

I suspect most disciples of nonbinary teachings, at bottom, know this much to be true. As their argument goes, for non-binary people to fully enjoy their so-called "right to self-define," our society cannot tolerate expressions of any belief contrary to such self-definition. That means all heretics must be silenced, as West Point High School has shamefully attempted.

Gender dysphoria is a very real and very tormenting experience for many people. But no person has the power to compel through law another person to betray — even tacitly — his own conscience. A free society cannot survive if that much is not true. In this case, a teacher politely declined to use a student's preferred pronoun (note the teacher did use the student's preferred name), explaining that his moral convictions forbade him from doing so. The teacher did not insist the student cease presenting as one gender or the other. He did not demand the student cease using the pronoun of the student's choice. The teacher simply refused a command to speak words he believed in his heart to be untrue. And, for that, he lost his job.

Language's history is messy and will remain a blemish in the history books. It represents an existential threat to our most fundamental freedoms and marks the day a hauntingly familiar precept found a home in our backyard: Say what I want or lose your job, no matter if you believe it.

Yet, for now, hope remains. In a remarkable act of courage, Vlaming has put his foot down for freedom. I pray he is successful.

Thomas Wheatley is a lawyer and regular contributor to The Washington Post's Local Opinions.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Timber farmers struggling a year after Michael

By **BOBBY CAINA CALVA**  
Associated Press

BLOUNTSTOWN, Fla. — The sunsets are a sight to behold in Joe Leonard's neck of the woods these days. A year ago, lush stands of towering pines obscured the horizon, he said as he drove his pickup along a dusty Florida Panhandle road. Now, fields of thick grass mask row after row of stumps decaying into the soil that has sustained his family for five generations.

Up the road, heaps of rotting logs lay bare the scars that Hurricane Michael left last October when it plowed through the region.

"It's hard to describe how sick I felt when I came out here," Leonard said as he surveyed a stand of snapped 30-year-old slash pine, their trunks big enough for a full bear hug.

The massive storm crashed ashore as a Category 5 hurricane with winds exceeding 160 mph, the strongest ever recorded to hit Florida's northern Gulf Coast. The storm killed more than two dozen people in the region, destroyed or damaged tens of thousands of homes and wrought catastrophic damage on the region's timber industry.

It's been an excruciating year for the Leonards and other Panhandle families who make their living off the land. A year after Michael, they face wrenching decisions about how to carry on.

Less than a fifth of the 2.8 million acres of timberland destroyed by Hurricane Michael have been salvaged. Tons of timber will most likely be left to rot. There are so many fallen logs that they'd fill more than 2.6 million logging trucks, which would circle the equator 1.5 times if parked



BOBBY CAINA CALVA/AP

**Daniel Leonard, left, and his father, Joe, stand near a heap of lumber on their family's property on Oct. 5. The Leonards and others are struggling to recover from devastating losses after Hurricane Michael struck Florida last year.**

end on end.

Trees once towered over much of Calhoun County, an inland expanse of tiny communities surrounded by forests that suffered the most catastrophic damage to the region's timberland.

Stands of pines, once just steps from Leonard's front door, are now mostly gone.

"One of the benefits is that now we see sunrises and sunsets in a way we've never seen before," he said.

Without financial help, some timber farmers are looking for buyers.

Federal relief hasn't come fast enough, even though the government authorized a \$19 billion relief package — held in limbo until this past summer because of political clashes in Washington — to assist communities across the country hit by wildfires, flooding, tornadoes and hurricanes. Florida officials estimate that the timber industry sustained nearly

\$1.3 billion in losses.

Across the road from the Leonards, Michael Eldridge isn't expecting any help soon as he continues to grapple with the devastation Michael wrought across his 360 acres.

"There was nothing standing," he said. "Pitiful. Unbelievable. All these 33-year-old trees down like pick-up sticks, all laying atop one another."

He sold his entire herd of cattle — 113 cows, bulls and calves — instead of spending the money to rebuild fences that went down with his trees.

"My wife and I planted them as a supplement to our retirement, and it didn't work out that way," said Eldridge, who has lived in Calhoun County all of his 72 years. "I thought it was a good investment."

For now, there are no plans to sell. Where else would he go; what else would he do?

"I might as well stay here fight-

ing," Eldridge said. "That's what I'm going to do until the day I die."

Like Eldridge, many of the region's timber growers operate mom-and-pop farms, some a couple of dozen acres and others in the thousands. Unlike corporate landowners, few of these small-time tree growers can withstand upheavals like Michael.

Unlike cotton and oranges, timber isn't usually insurable for loss. And unlike row crops that can bounce back more quickly, trees require generations to recover. A tree needs a dozen years before being harvested for pulp — and at least twice that time to harden into more lucrative lumber.

For some farmers, the new math doesn't add up, according to Alan Shelby, the executive vice president of the Florida Forestry Association.

"There are many who simply don't have the money to clean it up," Shelby said. "They may try and sell the property. Or they may just leave it and let Mother Nature take its course."

By some estimates, an acre of 30-year-old trees might fetch about \$2,500. Clearing an acre of downed trees and replanting costs about \$1,300 upfront.

"It takes more than a broom and it takes more than your typical farm equipment," he said.

It requires an army of loggers and equipment operators with chain saws and timber loaders to hoist fallen logs onto trucks.

All that requires loads of money, as well as a strong will to carry on, said Leonard, 59, whose family arrived in northern Florida from the Carolinas in the early 1900s.

"My mother doesn't want to sell. My brother and I aren't going to sell. But what happens after we're

gone?" Leonard asked.

His son Daniel, 28, expresses some of the uncertainty.

"To be honest with you, I'm not advocating that we go totally back to the timber. I would rather see us do something else. Let's diversify a little bit," he said.

His cousin Will Leonard, 29, a forester, also wonders how timber communities across the Panhandle will fare in the years to come, with the possibility that some mills could fall silent and jobs dwindle because of the catastrophic losses.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 14)	\$1.1344
Dollar buys (Oct. 14)	69.8815
British pound (Oct. 14)	\$1.30
Japanese yen (Oct. 14)	105.00
South Korean won (Oct. 14)	1,159.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2684
Canada (Dollar)	1.3198
China (Yuan)	7.0967
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Euro	\$1.1054/0.9046
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Norway (Krone)	0.9773
Philippines (Peso)	51.48
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3735
South Korea (Won)	1,182.10
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9974
Thailand (Baht)	36.44
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Federally set market rate	3.82
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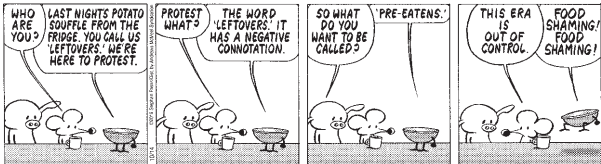
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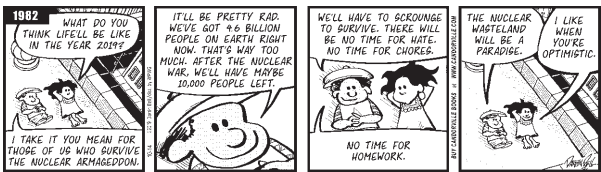
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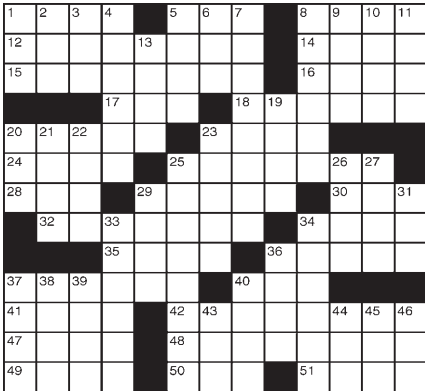
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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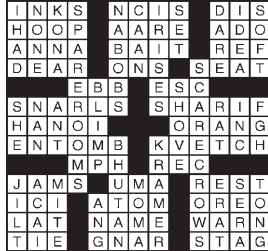
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- 8 Big bash
- 12 Work force
- 14 Eastern bigwig
- 15 Lavatory
- 16 Onion relative
- 17 Poetic dusk
- 18 He flew too close to the sun
- 20 Paris subway
- 23 Body sci.
- 24 Literary Jane
- 25 Quaint cafe
- 28 "My word!"
- 29 Spin
- 30 Female hare
- 32 Place for play
- 34 Prosperous period
- 35 Bean curd
- 36 German sausage
- 37 California peak
- 40 "Kapow!"
- 41 Artist Chagall
- 42 Online talk site
- 47 Lamb alias
- 48 Korea setting
- 49 Gradually withdraw

- 50 Insult, slangily
- 51 Nuisance

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- 1 Upscale auto
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- 3 Reply (Abbr.)
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- 6 "The Matrix" hero order
- 7 How lovers may stroll
- 8 Italian ice cream
- 9 From the U.S.
- 10 Stead
- 11 Clumsy fleet
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## Deals

## Saturday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Added RHPs Brad Peacock and Bryan Abreu to the active roster. Removed LHP Wade Miley and UT Mikey Straw from the active roster.  
**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Designated RHP David Hale for assignment. Reinstated of Aaron Hicks from the 60-day list. Added Hicks and LHP CC Sabathia to the active roster. Removed INF Tyler Wade and 1B Luke Voit from the active roster.

**National League**  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — INF David Freese announced his retirement.  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Reinstated RHP Daniel Hudson from paternity leave. Removed RHP Wander Suero from the active roster.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Added RB Aaron Jones \$10.57 for taunting/unsportsmanlike conduct during last week's game.  
**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Waived WR Davion Davis. Signed LB Cameron Smith from the practice squad.

**NEW YORK JETS** — Waived RB Luke Falk. Activated LB Brandon Copeland from the practice squad.

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** — Placed RB Corey Clement on IR. Signed RB Boston Scott from the practice squad.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS** — Waived OL Fred Johnson and LB Jayrone Elliott. Signed QB Paxton Lynch and RB Trey Edmunds from the practice squad.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** — Placed OL Mike Onizuka on IR. Signed TE Gordon Jones from the practice squad.

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS** — Placed TE Aaron Reed on IR. Signed DB Jeremy Deaves from the practice squad.

## Pro soccer

## MLS playoffs

**First Round**  
**Saturday, Oct. 19**  
New England at Atlanta  
D.C. at Toronto

**Sunday, Oct. 20**  
Dallas at Seattle  
Portland at Salt Lake

**Eastern Conference**  
New York Red Bulls at Philadelphia  
LA Galaxy at Minnesota

**Western Conference**  
Seattle Sounders at Portland  
LA Galaxy at Minnesota

**WSL**  
W L T Pts GF GA  
North Carolina 15 5 4 49 54 31  
Portland 14 6 4 46 40 28  
Portland 11 6 7 40 44 33  
Portland 9 10 7 37 40 31  
Washington 9 8 7 34 30 25  
Utah Royals FC 10 10 4 34 25 25  
Houston 7 10 7 34 30 25  
Sky Blue FC 5 14 5 20 34 40

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Saturday's games**  
Portland 3, Sky Blue FC 2  
Reign FC 2, Orlando 2, H  
Utah FC 2, Houston 1  
Washington 0, Portland 0, tie

## Tennis

## Shanghai Masters

At Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena  
Shanghai, China  
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor  
Men's Singles

**Final**  
Daniil Medvedev (3, Russia), def. Alex-  
ander Zverev (5, Germany), 6-4, 6-6,  
6-4

**Men's Doubles**  
Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Mate Pavi-  
c, Croatia, def. Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and  
Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, 6-4, 6-2

**Tianjin Open**  
**Saturday**  
Tianjin International Tennis Center  
Tianjin, China  
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor  
Men's Singles

**Final**  
Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, def.  
Heather Watson, Britain, 6-4, 6-4

## Golf

## Houston Open

**Saturday**  
At The Golf Club of Houston  
Humble, Texas  
Purse: \$7.5 million  
Yardage: 7,441; Par 72

Liam Griffin	66-74-65=205	11
Mark Hubbard	69-69=208	10
Kramer Tringale	68-71-68=207	9
Beau Hossler	70-69=208	8
Brandan Wu	70-70=210	7
Austin Cook	69-67-70=206	8
Scott Harrington	68-67-72=208	8
Sam Rice	69-67-72=208	8
Sepp Straka	66-71-72=208	8
Talor Gooch	64-72-72=208	8
Denny McCarthy	71-72=209	7
Weston Roach	69-68-72=209	7
Stewart Cink	70-68-71=209	7
Chad Campbell	70-72-68=210	6
Kramer Hickok	70-72=212	5
Harris English	70-72=212	5
Xijun Zhang	67-76=211	5
Paul Casey	70-69=211	5
Kyle Stanley	70-71=211	5
Sam Ryder	70-69=212	4
Ryan Armour	70-74=211	5
Robert Strick	71-72=212	4
Doc Redan	70-74=212	4
Scottie Scheffler	69-74=212	4
Brian Gay	71-70=212	4
Russell Knox	71-70=212	4
Braden Baker	70-72=212	4
Lucas Bergegaard	69-73=213	3
Bo Hogg	70-73=213	3
Bradley Baker	71-72=213	3
Price Garrett	70-73=213	3
Robert Stroh	71-72=213	3
John Huh	67-72=214	3
Henrik Norlander	71-73=214	3
Bo Hogg	70-73=214	3
James Hahn	69-73=214	3
Michael Austin	70-73=214	3
Andy Zhang	68-73=214	3
Boo Weekley	70-73=214	3
Kent Watney	71-73=214	3
Ben Taylor	70-73=214	3
Maverick McNealy	69-74=215	1
Patrick Rodgers	70-74=215	1
Rafael Campos	69-74=215	1
Patrick Rodgers	70-74=215	1
Charles Phillips	73-71=215	1
Ryan Brehm	72-71=215	1
Cameron Champ	70-73=215	1
Michael Gellerman	72-72=215	1

## SAS Championship

**Saturday**  
At Prestonwood Country Club  
Cary, N.C.  
Purse: \$2.1 million  
Yardage: 7,223; Par 72

Doug Barron	66-68=134	10
Woody Austin	67-67=134	10
Jerry Kelly	66-67=135	9
Robert Jones	71-66=137	7
Relief Goosen	69-68=137	7
David Howell	69-68=137	7
David McKenzie	69-68=137	7
Gene Sauers	69-68=137	7
Bernhard Langer	69-68=137	7
Rod Pampering	69-68=137	7
Jiffy Maggior	69-68=137	7
David Thomas	71-68=139	5
Stacy Kung	71-68=139	5
Rocco Mediate	71-68=139	5
Bob Estes	70-69=139	5
Chris O'Meara	70-69=139	5
Scott McCarron	73-67=140	4
Tommy Fleetwood	71-69=140	4
Glen Day	71-69=140	4
Tommy Fleetwood	73-68=141	3
Russ Cochran	70-71=141	3
Gibby Gilbert III	70-71=141	3
Mark O'Meara	72-69=141	3
Scott Kendall	72-70=142	2
John Huh	71-69=142	2
Billy Mayfair	71-71=142	2
Tommy Armour III	70-72=142	2
David Thomas	70-72=142	2
Vijay Singh	68-74=142	2
David Thomas	72-71=143	1
Loren Roberts	72-71=143	1
David Lewis	75-70=143	1
Brad Bryant	71-72=143	1
Matthew Fitzpatrick	74-69=144	0
Wes Short, Jr.	70-73=143	1
Wes Short, Jr.	74-69=144	0
Billy Andrade	76-69=143	1
Mike Goodes	75-68=143	1

## Italian Open

**Saturday**  
At Olgettia Golf Club  
Rome  
Purse: \$7 million  
Yardage: 7,423; Par 71

Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	67-75=202	10
Kurt Kitayama, United States	66-76=205	10
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	67-75=202	10
Matt Wallace, England	69-67=203	9
Bernard Wiesberger, Austria	68-67=203	9
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	67-75=202	10
Jeunghwan Wang, South Korea	72-69=204	8
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	67-75=202	10
Andrew Johnson, England	66-78=206	7
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	67-75=202	10
Eric Van Rooyen, South Africa	66-78=206	7
G. McDowell, Northern Ireland	69-67=207	6
Thomas Levet, Denmark	69-67=207	6
Danny Willett, England	69-67=207	6
Shubhankar Sharma, India	69-67=207	6
Julian Borchert, Denmark	69-67=207	6
Ross Fisher, England	68-67=208	5
Lucas Herbert, Australia	74-66=208	0
Julian Borchert, Denmark	69-67=208	5
Tyrell Hatton, England	68-67=208	5
Tapio Kulikainen, Finland	64-72=208	5

## Auto racing

## Japanese Grand Prix

**Sunday**  
At Suzuka, Japan  
Lap length: 5.803 miles  
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 1:54.755, 25 laps	1
2. (1) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 1:56.356, 25 laps	2
3. (4) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 1:57.828, 25 laps	3
4. (6) Alexander Albon, Thailand, Red Bull Racing Honda, 1:58.152, 25 laps	4
5. (2) Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, McLaren Renault, 1:59.081, 25 laps	5
6. (7) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 1:59.148, 25 laps	6
7. (10) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Renault, 1:59.148, 25 laps	7
8. (9) Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia AlphaTauri, 1:59.148, 25 laps	8
9. (15) Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 1:59.148, 25 laps	9
10. (12) Lance Stroll, Canada, Racing Point BWT Mercedes, 1:59.148, 25 laps	10
11. (14) Daniil Kvart, Russia, Scuderia AlphaTauri, 1:59.148, 25 laps	11
12. (8) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren Renault, 1:59.148, 25 laps	12
13. (13) Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari, 1:59.148, 25 laps	13
14. (10) Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 1:59.148, 25 laps	14
15. (19) Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 1:59.148, 25 laps	15
16. (17) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Racing Point BWT Mercedes, 1:59.148, 25 laps	16
17. (18) George Russell, Great Britain, Williams Racing, 1:59.148, 25 laps	17
18. (20) Robert Kubica, Poland, Williams Racing, 1:59.148, 25 laps	18
19. (5) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Honda, 1:59.148, 25 laps	19
20. (1) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 1:59.148, 25 laps	20

## Sugarlands Shine 250

**NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck**  
**Saturday**  
At Talladega Superspeedway  
Talladega, Ala.  
Lap length: 2.66 miles  
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (25) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 98 laps, 40 points	1
2. (6) Todd Gilliland, Toyota, 98, 39 laps	2
3. (2) Tyreek Curry, Toyota, 98, 35 laps	3
4. (8) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 98, 31 laps	4
5. (10) Stewart Friesen, Chevrolet, 98, 28 laps	5

## Pro basketball

## NBA preseason

## Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB	W L Pct GB
Brooklyn Nets	2 1 0.667 0
Philadelphia 76ers	2 1 0.667 0
Boston Celtics	2 1 0.667 0
New York Knicks	1 1 0.500 1 1/2
Miami Heat	2 0 1.000 0
Orlando Magic	1 1 0.500 1 1/2
Washington Wizards	2 1 0.667 0
Atlanta Hawks	2 0 1.000 0
Charlotte Hornets	1 1 0.500 1 1/2
Indiana Pacers	2 0 1.000 0
Chicago Bulls	1 1 0.500 1 1/2

## Western Conference

## Southwest Division

W L Pct GB	W L Pct GB
New Orleans Pelicans	3 0 1.000 0
San Antonio Spurs	3 0 1.000 0
Houston Rockets	3 1 0.750 1/2
San Antonio Spurs	2 0 1.000 0
Phoenix Suns	2 0 1.000 0
Oklahoma City Thunder	2 0 1.000 0
Portland Trail Blazers	2 1 0.667 1/2
Minnesota Timberwolves	2 0 1.000 0

## Central Division

W L Pct GB	W L Pct GB
Phoenix Suns	2 1 0.667 0
San Antonio Spurs	1 1 0.500 1/2
L.A. Clippers	2 1 0.667 1/2
L.A. Lakers	1 2 0.333 1 1/2
San Antonio Spurs	1 2 0.333 1 1/2

## Saturday's games

Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers	7:30 p.m.
Phoenix Suns at Portland Trail Blazers	10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston	7:30 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs at L.A. Clippers	10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio	8:00 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto	7:00 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs at Philadelphia	7:00 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando	7:00 p.m.
Maccabi Haifa at Minnesota	7:00 p.m.

## NFL

## American Football Conference

**East**  
W L Pct PF PA

New England Patriots	6 0 0 1,000 90	70
Buffalo Bills	4 1 0 800 48	70
Indianapolis Colts	4 1 0 800 48	70
Washington Redskins	0 4 0 0 0 26	163
Houston Texans	0 0 0 600 131	110
Indianapolis Colts	3 2 0 600 113	115
Jacksonville Jaguars	2 3 0 400 111	118
Tennessee Titans	2 3 0 400 98	76
Baltimore Ravens	3 2 0 600 161	123
Cleveland Browns	3 2 0 400 92	122
Pittsburgh Steelers	4 0 0 200 99	114
Cincinnati Bengals	0 5 0 0 0 80	136

## National Football Conference

**East**  
W L Pct PF PA

Philadelphia Eagles	3 2 0 600 141	111
Dallas Cowboys	3 2 0 600 131	96
N.Y. Giants	1 0 0 233 111	160
Washington Redskins	0 5 0 0 0 73	151
New Orleans Saints	4 1 0 800 113	116
Carolina Panthers	4 0 0 333 175	88
Atlanta Falcons	0 5 0 0 0 200	102
Green Bay Packers	4 1 0 800 109	93
San Francisco 49ers	3 2 0 600 87	69
Chicago Bears	2 4 0 600 112	73

## West

San Francisco 49ers	4 0 0 1,000 127	57
Seattle Seahawks	4 0 0 1,000 127	57
L.A. Rams	3 2 0 600 146	134
Arizona Cardinals	3 2 0 600 100	138

## Thursday's game

New England 35, N.Y. Giants 14

Carolina 37, Tampa Bay 26

Philadelphia 41, Miami 20

New Orleans at Jacksonville

Washington at Kansas City

Cincinnati at Baltimore

Seattle at Cleveland

San Francisco at L.A. Rams

Atlanta at Green Bay

Tennessee at Denver

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets

Buffalo, Indianapolis, Chicago, Detroit

Monday's game

Thursday, Oct. 17

Kansas City at Denver

Oct. 20

Miami at Buffalo

Philadelphia at Minnesota

Arizona at N.Y. Giants

Atlanta at Green Bay

L.A. Rams at Atlanta

Minnesota at Detroit

Jacksonville at Cincinnati

San Francisco at Washington

Philadelphia at Seattle

New Orleans at Chicago

Philadelphia at Dallas

Open: Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Carolina

Monday, Oct. 21

New England at N.Y. Jets

## Sunday

## Panthers 37, Buccaneers 26

Carolina 37, Buccaneers 26

Car-FG Slay 19, Vickers 20

Car-FG Slay 19, Vickers 20

Car-FG Slay 19, Vickers 20

Car-FG Slay 19, Vickers 20





## MLB PLAYOFFS/MILITARY

## Torres, Tanaka help Yankees blast Astros

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gleyber Torres kept up his October surge with a homer and five RBIs, Masahiro Tanaka polished his playoff resume and the New York Yankees blanked the Houston Astros 7-0 Saturday night in the AL Championship Series opener.

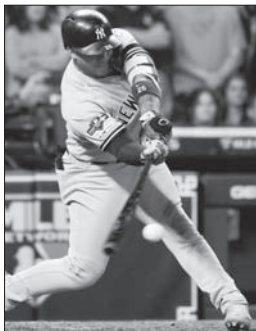
With so much attention focused on the Astros aces, Tanaka showed he more than belonged on this stage, too. He threw one-hit ball for six innings to outpace Zack Greinke, improving to 5-2 with a 1.32 ERA in the postseason.

Torres did his part in this matchup of 100-win behemoths with a go-ahead double, a solo homer, a two-run single and an RBI grounder. Moved up to third in the batting order after mashing in a sweep of Minnesota, the 22-year-old star became the youngest AL player to drive in five runs during a postseason game.

Asked whether he was surprised at all he's been able to do at his age, Torres was direct.

"I mean, not really," he said. "Prepare really well to be here and help my team. So now I got opportunity."

Giancarlo Stanton and Gio Urshela also homered and right fielder Aaron Judge turned in the key play, catching a line drive and doubling Alex Bregman off first base when it was still 1-0.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Yankees' Gleyber Torres hits two-run single against the Astros in the seventh inning in Game 1 of the ALCS Saturday.

"Loved our look today," manager Aaron Boone said.

The Yankees will try to build on their early momentum when James Paxton starts against 21-game winner Justin Verlander in Game 2 on Sunday night.

Houston hardly looked like a club that led the majors with a franchise-record 107 victories. Jose Altuve, Bregman and their teammates were held to three singles.

The Astros had homered in 30 straight games — every game since Aug. 31 — and their streak was the second-longest in major league history behind a 31-game string by the Yankees this year.

Greinke, acquired at the trade deadline for these kind of moments, produced another lackluster playoff start.

"The Yankees, they can come at you in a lot of different ways," Astros manager AJ Hinch said.

Tanaka, who won Game 1 of the ALDS, struck out four and walked one. He faced the minimum through six innings thanks to a pair of double plays. Three relievers finished up the shutout.

"Obviously the number's there and I guess I'm flattered. But the happiest thing for me is us being able to get the W," Tanaka said through a translator.

Torres picked up right where he left off in the division series where he hit .417 to lead the team — he batted sixth in those games, but was moved higher as Boone tinkered with his lineup to break up the team's lefty hitters.

Torres put the Yankees out front with an RBI double in the fourth.

There was one out in the sixth when he hit a fastball from Greinke into the seats in

left field. Greinke knew it was gone off the bat, and pounded his fist into his glove as soon as Torres left the batter's box.

Torres singled in the seventh to make it 5-0. He has an RBI in all four of New York's playoff games this year.

"He likes playing these situations and he's confident in his ability to produce. And that leads to a dangerous player," Boone said.

Stanton homered with two outs in the sixth.

The Astros and Yankees were meeting in the playoffs for the third time in five years and facing off in the ALCS for the second time in three seasons. New York's road win on Saturday night comes after the home team won every game of the 2017 ALCS that Houston took 4-3.

The Astros got Greinke, the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner, from Arizona in July, hoping to bolster a rotation starring Verlander and Gerrit Cole. Greinke went 8-1 with a 3.02 ERA in 10 regular-season starts after the trade, but has struggled in the postseason and lost both starts.

Greinke took the loss in Game 3 of the ALDS against Tampa Bay in allowing five hits, four of which were homers and six runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Urshela added a solo homer on rookie Bryan Abreu's first pitch of the postseason to pad the lead in the ninth. Torres drove in another run with a groundout later in the inning.

## Army World Class Athlete Program runners win Ten-Miler

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Soldiers from the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program won both the men's and women's races Sunday at the Army Ten-Miler through the streets of the nation's capital.

Spc. Lawi Lalang, a native of Kenya who ran for the University of Arizona, crossed the finish line near the Pentagon in an unofficial winning time of 48 minutes, 37.22 seconds for the men's race. Lalang, who runs the mile in under 3:53, pulled away from WCAP teammate Spc. Benard Keter with about four miles to go; Keter finished second, 26 seconds behind. MacDonald Ondara of Lakewood, Wash., who stayed with Lalang and Keter until midway through the race, was third.

In the women's race, Spc. Elvin Kibet — also from Kenya and a

former Arizona runner — coasted to the title with a minute-and-a-half edge over Hannah Cocchiaro of Columbia, Md. Kibet's unofficial winning time was 54:04.38.

Other unofficial class champions on the event's 35th anniversary were: Brant Ireland of Willow Spring, N.C., in the handcycle division; David Snyder of Carrollton, Va., in the amputee division; Jeremy Haynes of Fort Belvoir, Va., in the pushrim division; Wilfred Nave of Alevandria, Va., in the visually-impaired division; Chris Davidson of Stonewall, Ok., in the disabled division; and Kevin Bitenbender of Montgomery, Pa., in the recumbent division.

More than 35,000 people competed in the event, which was started with a series of waves that had many runners leaving the starting line after the winners had already finished.



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

The top three finishers, left to right, Lawi Lalang, Benard Keter and MacDonald Ondara in the Army Ten-Miler pass a water stop in Washington, D.C., on Sunday. Also leaving the stop with a cup of water is Luis Avila (A46), who finished fourth in the recumbent cycle division.

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Saturday's stars

■ Israel Mukuamu, South Carolina, returned the first of his three interceptions 53 yards for a TD and the Gamecocks took advantage of Jake Fromm's four turnovers to beat No. 3 Georgia 17-10 in double overtime.

■ Tony Jones Jr., Notre Dame, rushed for a career-high 176 yards as the No. 9 Irish beat USC 30-27 in the 91st meeting of the longtime rivals.

■ Jayden Daniels, Arizona State, scored on a 17-yard scramble with 34 seconds left and threw three touchdown passes to ailing Brandon Aiyuk, leading the No. 18 Sun Devils to a 38-34 comeback victory over Washington State.

■ Tuo Tagovailoa, Alabama, threw four TDs and the Crimson Tide's offense kept rolling in the Tide's first game at No. 1 this season with a 47-28 victory over No. 24 Texas A&M.

■ Joe Burrow, LSU, passed for 293 yards and three TDs, and the fifth-ranked Tigers scored three straight touchdowns after falling behind early in the second half to emerge with a 42-28 victory over No. 7 Florida.

■ Matt Struck, Idaho State, threw for 396 yards and five TDs in a 55-20 win over North Dakota.

■ Jordan Cronkrite, South Florida, ran for 158 yards and two TDs to help the Bulls rally in the fourth quarter to beat BYU 27-23.

■ Juwan Carter, Norfolk State, accounted for 441 yards and five TDs in a 49-21 victory over Howard.

■ Brandon Rainey, The Citadel, completed three passes — all for touchdowns — and ran for two more and the Catamounts beat Western Carolina 35-17.

■ Kevin Thomson, Sacramento State, threw three TD passes and ran for two scores as the Hornets beat Montana State 34-21.

■ Felix Harper, Alcorn State, threw five TDs in a 42-17 win over Savannah State.

■ Reid Sinnett, San Diego, threw five TD passes and the Toreros pushed their conference win streak to 31 games with a 37-17 over Davidson.

■ John Bachus III, UT Martin, threw for 371 yards and five TDs in a 55-14 win over Tennessee Tech.

■ Quez Watkins, Southern Mississippi, caught eight passes for 198 yards and a score in a 45-27 win over North Texas.

— The Associated Press



PAUL SANCTA/AP

Notre Dame running back Tony Jones Jr. rushed for a career-high 176 yards against Southern California on Saturday.

## How the AP Top 25 fared

**1 Alabama (6-0) beat No. 24 Texas A&M 47-28.** Tua Tagovailoa threw four touchdowns and Alabama's offense kept rolling in the Tide's first game at No. 1 this season. Tagovailoa threw his first interception of the season but became Alabama's career passing touchdowns leader with his first on the game, breaking his tie with A.J. McCarron. The junior now has 81 for his career and leads the nation with 27 this season.

Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.

**2 Clemson (6-0) beat Florida State 45-14.** Trevor Lawrence threw three touchdowns passes, two to Justin Ross, and the Tigers won their 21st straight game. Clemson started 6-0 for a fifth straight year. Travis Etienne ran for 127 yards and caught one of Lawrence's scoring throws.

Next: at Louisville, Saturday.

**3 Georgia (5-1) lost to South Carolina 12-17.** 2017, Parker White's 23-yard field goal in the second overtime proved to be enough when Georgia's Rodrigo Blankenship was wide left on his attempt from 42 yards, giving South Carolina its first win over the AP Top 25 since beating Georgia in 2014. The Bulldogs could not overcome three interceptions and a lost fumble by Jake Fromm.

**3 Kentucky, Saturday, did not play.** At the halfway point of the season, the defense is third in country, allowing an average of 234 yards per game. All-America defensive end Chase Young is second in the country with 8.5 sacks.

Next: at Northwestern, Friday, Oct. 18.

**5 LSU (6-0) beat No. 7 Florida 42-28.** Joe Burrow passed for 293 yards and three touchdowns, and the Tigers won their third straight game after falling behind early in the second half to beat the Gators. LSU totaled 511 yards without giving up a sack or committing a turnover.

Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.

**6 Oklahoma (6-0) beat No. 11 Texas 34-27.** Jalen Hurts threw three touchdowns passes to CeeDee Lamb, and Oklahoma's defense sacked Sam Ehlinger nine times and the Sooners never trailed against Texas.

Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.

**7 Florida (6-1) lost to No. 5 LSU 42-28.** Kyle Trask was 23-for-39 passing for 310 yards and three touchdowns for Florida, but was done in by freshman Derek Stingley Jr.'s interception in the LSU end zone in the fourth quarter.

Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.

**8 Wisconsin (6-0) beat Michigan State 38-0.** Jonathan Taylor rushed for two touchdowns and the Badgers' defense posted its fourth shutout of the season. The Spartans' defense held Taylor to 80 yards on 26 carries, marking the first time this season the Heisman Trophy hopeful was held under 100. But Michigan State was held to 149 yards and couldn't find any rhythm as Wisconsin dominated time of possession 39:10 to 20:50.

Next: at Illinois, Saturday.

**9 Notre Dame (5-1) beat Southern Cal 30-27.** Tony Jones Jr. rushed for a career-high 176 yards and Jonathan Doerer kicked three long field goals as No. 9 Notre Dame held off its longtime rival. The Fighting Irish (5-1), who rushed for a season-high 308 yards, clinched their third straight victory over the Trojans (3-3) on Ian Book's 8-yard run with 3:33 left.

Next: at No. 16 Michigan, Saturday, Oct. 26.

**10 Penn State (6-0) beat No. 17 Utah 17-12.** Noah Cain ran for a 5-yard touchdown with 5:17 left and Penn State posted its first win over a ranked opponent this season. Cain finished with 102 yards for the Nittany Lions, who extended their winning streak over the No. 17 Hawkeyes to six games.

Next: vs. No. 16 Michigan, Saturday.

**11 Texas (4-2) lost to No. 6 Oklahoma 34-27.** Longhorns quarterback Sam Ehlinger has the three highest total yardage outputs for Texas against Oklahoma, but the Sooners defense held him almost 200 yards below that 387-yard average. Texas is likely relegated to a spoiler role if there's a second consecutive Big 12 title game between the rivals.

Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.

**12 Auburn (5-1) did not play.** The Tigers learned during their week off that starting tailback Jafarrius Whittle sustained a knee injury against Texas and is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.

**13 Oregon (5-1) beat Colorado State 38-0.** Justin Herbert threw for 261 yards and extended his streak of games with a touchdown pass to 34, and the Ducks beat Colorado for their fifth straight victory.

Next: at Washington, Saturday.

**14 Boise State (6-0) beat Hawaii 59-37.** Chase Ford threw for 175 yards and three touchdowns in relief of injured starter Hank Bachmeier. The Broncos remained perfect at home against the Rainbow Warriors in seven meetings, despite losing Bachmeier early in the second quarter when he was scrambling for a first down and spun to elude oncoming linebacker Kana'i Picano.

Next: at BYU, Saturday.

**15 Utah (5-1) beat Utah State 52-7.** Zack Moss rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns, including a 91-yard scoring run in the opening quarter, and the Utes routed Oregon State. Moss, who was returning from a shoulder injury, sat out the second half. Tyler Huntley threw for 247 yards and two touchdowns for Utah.

Next: vs. No. 18 Arizona State, Saturday.

**16 Michigan (5-1) beat Illinois 42-25.** Hassan Haskins ran for 125 yards and a touchdown, Zach Charbonnet added 116 yards rushing, and the Wolverines needed a late surge to put away Illinois. Michigan built a 28-0 lead by halftime, but the Illini cut the lead to 28-25 with 12:50 left. Michigan responded with a long drive capped by Shea Patterson's 5-yard touchdown pass to Donovan Peoples-Jones.

Next: at No. 10 Penn State, Saturday.

**17 Iowa (4-2) lost to No. 10 Penn State 17-12.** A matchup between two of the nation's top defenses turned when Iowa's Nate Stanley threw an interception near midfield with 9:22 remaining. Penn State drove 35 yards on a pass-ed Iowa defense, and the last of three straight runs by Noah Cain made it 17-6.

Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.

**18 Arizona State (5-1) beat Washington State 38-34.** Jayden Daniels scored on a 17-yard scramble with 34 seconds left and threw three touchdowns passes to ailing Brandon Aiyuk to lead Arizona State in a comeback win.

Next: at No. 15 Utah, Saturday.

**19 Wake Forest (5-1) lost to Louisville 62-59.** Evan Conley ran 41 yards for a critical touchdown with 2:15 left, and Louisville held off Wake Forest's late rally in the second-highest-scoring game in ACC history. Wake Forest trailed 52-31 with less than 6½ minutes remaining before rallying, with backup Sam Hartman throwing two touchdown passes in 35 seconds.

Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.

**20 Virginia (4-2) lost to Miami 17-9.** Friday, Bryce Perkins connected on his first nine passes and finished 24-for-41 for 244 yards for Virginia, which has managed only four field goals — in its last six quarters.

Next: vs. Duke, Saturday.

**21 SMU (6-0) did not play.** The Mustangs, 6-0 for the first time since the Pony Express days, are already bowl eligible halfway through the regular season.

Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.

**22 Baylor (6-0) beat Texas Tech 33-30.** Jahmyr Hasty scored on a 5-yard run in the second overtime and No. 22 Baylor won in its first game as a ranked team under coach Matt Rhule. Baylor, which went the length of the field at the end of regulation just to get to overtime, won on Hasty's run after Trey Wolff's 35-yard field goal for Texas Tech opened the second extra period.

Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.

**23 Memphis (5-1) lost to Temple 30-28.** Anthony Russo threw two touchdowns passes and Temple took advantage of four turnovers by No. 23 Memphis to pull the upset. Brady White passed for 355 yards and two scores for Memphis, which fell behind 16-0 as the Owls turned the Tigers' mistakes into points. Jager Gardner ran for a score and Isaiah Wright and Brandon Mack caught touchdown passes for Temple.

Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.

**24 Texas A&M (3-3) lost to No. 1 Alabama 47-28.** Alabama trailed briefly in its first game this season against a ranked opponent when Texas A&M scored a touchdown on its first possession. Kellen Mond passed for 264 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a score for the Aggies.

Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.

**25 Cincinnati (5-1) beat Houston 38-23.** Desmond Ridder passed for 263 yards and three touchdowns and No. 25 Cincinnati held off Houston's late surge for its fourth straight win. The Bearcats used a 21-point late half to pull away early and Perry Young's late 2-yard interception return for a touchdown sealed the win.

Next: vs. Tulsa, Saturday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Burrow's 3 TDs rally No. 5 LSU past Florida

By BRETT MARTEL  
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BATON ROUGE, La. — The first thing Joe Burrow did after launching the longest — and most decisive — of his three touchdown passes against Florida was embrace a pair of offensive linemen who'd kept pass rushers at bay all night.

Then the Tigers quarterback skipped toward the jubilant LSU bench area, fist-pumping all the way.

Burrow passed for 293 yards and led fifth-ranked LSU to three unanswered touchdowns after the Tigers had fallen behind early in the second half to emerge with a 42-28 victory over No. 7 Florida on Saturday night.

Facing a Florida defense that came in leading the nation in interceptions and leading the Southeastern Conference in sacks, the Tigers (6-0, 2-0 SEC) totaled 511 yards without giving up a sack or committing a turnover.

"We knew that last year they get after us up front. Our offensive line took that personally," Burrow said, referring to a 27-19 loss to the Gators in Gainesville, Florida. "I was just so proud of those guys. There was no pressure the entire night."

LSU coach Ed Orgeron declared that holding Florida's defense without a sack was "the biggest stat of the night," noting how Florida's defensive ends had "destroyed" opposing offensive lines in previous games.

"I don't think we were able to get pressure on him, and when we did, he did a god job of scrambling," Florida coach Dan Mullen said.

Ja'Marr Chase had 127 yards receiving and the last of his two touchdowns was a 54-yarder to give LSU a two-score lead with 5:43 left. Justin Jefferson caught 10 passes for 123 yards and a touchdown.

Burrow, meanwhile, went 21 of 24, meaning he had the same number of touchdown tosses and incomplete passes.

"Once we protect the quarterback, I feel confident in us moving the football," Orgeron said.

Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for 134 yards and two scores.

"Their ability to run the ball was a big difference," Mullen said.

The Tigers still have yet to score fewer than 42 points in a game this season.

Kyle Trask was 23-for-39 passing for 310 yards and three touchdowns for Florida (6-1, 3-1), but was done in by freshman Derek Stingley Jr.'s interception in the LSU end zone in the fourth quarter, when the Gators were trying to tie the game.

"We did a pretty good job executing all night,"



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**LSU running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire runs for a 57-yard touchdown in the first half against Florida in Baton Rouge, La., on Saturday.**

Mullen said. "But the margin for error in big games is really small."

Soon after, Burrow spotted Chase running free down the right sideline, and a Tiger Stadium crowd about 100,000 strong was in virtual delirium.

Florida led 28-21 after opening the second half with an eight-play, 75-yard scoring drive that ended with Van Jefferson's second touchdown catch of the game.

But LSU tied it less than four minutes later on Edwards-Helaire's 5-yard run. Tyrion Davis-Price put the Tigers back in front with a 33-yard run on LSU's next possession.

The first half was played to a 21-all tie with Florida using methodical drives to answer each of the first three touchdowns scored by LSU's high-octane attack.

LSU's first touchdown drive, capped by a 9-yard pass to Chase, took two plays and 32 seconds, starting with Edwards-Helaire's 57-yard run. The Gators responded with a 12-play drive that took more than six minutes, ending with Trask's 5-yard pass to Trevon Grimes.

After Justin Jefferson's 7-yard TD catch capped a five-play drive that covered 82 yards in just 2:09, Florida answered with a 13-play drive, ending with Emory Jones' fourth-and-goal pass under pressure to Lamical Perine, who deftly corralled the ball after it was tipped by linebacker Patrick Queen.

# Mukuamu's INTs help Gamecocks shock Bulldogs

By CHARLES ODUM  
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Jake Fromm knew better than to blame Georgia's first loss on Rodrigo Blankenship's missed 42-yard field goal that ended the game.

It was four turnovers — on the usually rock-solid Fromm's three interceptions and lost fumble — that put a big dent in the Bulldogs' championship hopes.

Israel Mukuamu returned the first of his three interceptions 53 yards for a touchdown and South Carolina took advantage of the turnovers to beat No. 3 Georgia 20-17 in double overtime on Saturday.

"Not as clean as I want it to be," Fromm said. "There were definitely some turnovers and some incompletions. We should have played more clean. That's part of it and you wish we had just executed better on offense."

Parker White's 23-yard field goal in the second overtime proved to be enough when Blankenship was wide left from 42 yards. Blankenship's second miss of the game sent South Carolina players charging into the field to celebrate the upset.

White missed a 33-yard attempt in the first overtime.

"I had confidence that I was going to get to go out there and have a chance to win the game for us in the next overtime," he said.

It was a humbling loss for Georgia (5-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), which suffered a big hit to its national championship hopes. The Bulldogs were favored by 24½ points.

One of Mukuamu's picks came

on a pass Fromm was trying to throw out of bounds. Another, on the second play of overtime, bounced off the hands of wide receiver Tyler Simmons. White's miss from 33 yards kept the game alive.

"You can't beat anybody when you have a 4-0 turnover margin," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "We didn't force any on defense. We didn't cause any problems on defense and we didn't take care of the ball."

South Carolina led 17-10 before Fromm led Georgia on a tying 96-yard touchdown drive capped by his 6-yard scoring pass to Deme'tris Robertson with less than two minutes remaining in regulation.

White, who made a 49-yard field goal in the first half, missed a 57-yarder with 40 seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs one final possession in regulation.

Fromm moved the Bulldogs to the South Carolina 38, in possible position for Blankenship to attempt a game-winning field goal. An illegal shift penalty pushed Georgia back five yards, ending the field-goal possibility.

South Carolina (3-3, 2-2) got its first win over a ranked opponent since beating No. 18 Tennessee in 2016. It was an important signature win for coach Will Muschamp over his alma mater.

"That was a great game football game, and you hate for anyone to lose in that situation, especially the way it happened," Muschamp said, referring to Blankenship's final miss. "My heart goes out to him in losing in that fashion."

The Gamecocks won despite losing quarterback Ryan Hilinski to an apparent knee injury.

# Lamb TDs, defense lift Oklahoma past Texas

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Jalen Hurts tried the Golden Horn on for size and gave a half-hearted "horns down" sign in a group photo with the cheerleaders while celebrating the way Kyler Murray couldn't in the Red River rivalry a year ago.

Now the Oklahoma quarterback will try to get the Sooners back to where Baker Mayfield and Murray took them the past two years, and where he's been himself three times at Alabama: the College Football Playoff.

Hurts threw three touchdown passes to CeeDee Lamb after two big mistakes early, Oklahoma's defense sacked Sam Ehlinger nine times and the No. 6 Sooners never trailed in a 34-27 victory over 11th-ranked Texas on Saturday.

"I would say I didn't put the team in the greatest and best situation," said Hurts, who won two semifinals as the starter for

the Crimson Tide and was replaced during the game when they won the national title during the 2017 season. "Not a complete game, but a step in the right direction."

A year after a Murray-led comeback fell short in a 48-45 loss in the Red River rivalry that led to the firing of their defensive coordinator, the Sooners harassed Ehlinger into minus-9 yards rushing.

And Oklahoma, with first-year defensive coordinator Alex Grinch, held the quarterback with the three highest total yardage outputs for Texas against the Sooners almost 200 yards below that 387-yard average. "Regardless of what the outside world thinks, we believe a lot in our defense," coach Lincoln Riley said. "I don't care what our defensive calls or, schemes. Not that I don't care, but the way we play right now was the difference today."

The Sooners (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) stayed on track for a third straight trip to the playoff and avenged last year's loss in Cotton Bowl Stadium, which was followed by their vic-

tory in a rematch in the Big 12 championship game.

The Longhorns (4-2, 2-1) are likely relegated to a spoiler role if there's a second consecutive Big 12 title game between the rivals. Texas gave up 511 yards — a season low, believe it or not, for the nation's No. 1 offense at 644 yards coming in.

"We knew how good they were," Texas coach Tom Herman said. "We knew that their defense had improved, and we certainly saw the things that they were doing offensively."

Lamb had 10 catches for 171 yards, tipping onto the sideline to stay inbounds on the 27-yarder for his final TD.

Hurts threw for 235 yards, and the nation's leading rusher among QBs had 131 more on the ground, including a punctuated 3-yard touchdown for a 34-20 lead late in the fourth quarter. The 131 yards rushing were a stadium record for a QB and the most for an OU quarterback in the series.

Hurts had a chance to give the Sooners

a big first-half lead, but he lost a fumble at the Texas 7-yard line at end of his longest run, a 27-yarder. The man with plenty of rivalry experience from facing Auburn threw an interception in the Texas end zone in the second quarter.

Ehlinger didn't look comfortable until well into the second half, flinching from a clean pocket and underthrowing a receiver that was behind the Oklahoma defense on the first play of the third quarter.

The nine sacks left Ehlinger with 23 carries for those minus-9 yards, although he scored twice on the ground and got 26 of 38 for 210 yards. Roschon Johnson had 95 yards rushing, 57 of them on a third-quarter run that set up his 4-yard score.

Both teams played under the threat of an ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct after referee Mike Defee flagged everyone 30 minutes before the game when clusters of players got too close at midfield while wrapping up warmups and started jawing at each other.



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## MLB PLAYOFFS

# Strength and fire

## Nationals up 2-0 on Cardinals after Scherzer's sizzling start

By JAY COHEN  
Associated Press

**M**ax Scherzer was strength and fire. Anibal Sanchez was artistry and deception. Two different styles, two absolute gems for the Washington Nationals.

Scherzer followed Sanchez's near no-hitter with a try of his own, and the stingy Nationals beat the St. Louis Cardinals 3-1 on Saturday for a 2-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

"We really want to win here," the hard-charging Scherzer said. "So that's what's going to happen,

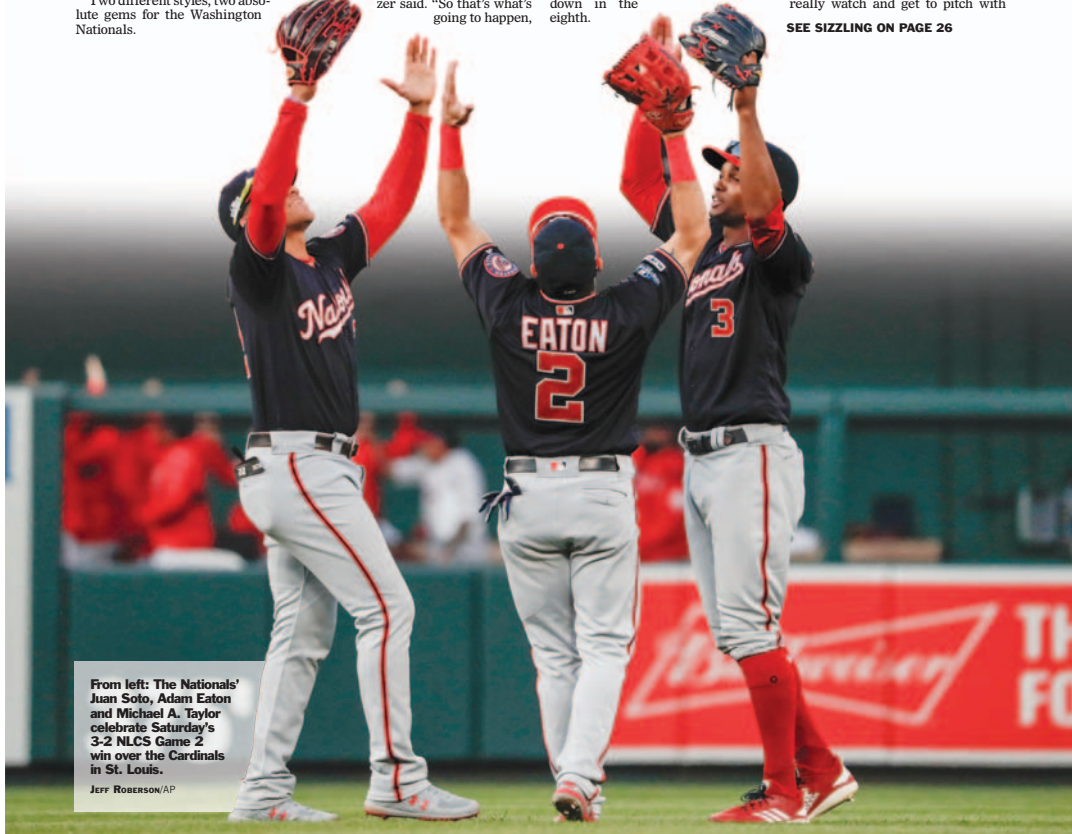
we're going to compete and win."

Scherzer didn't allow a hit until Paul Goldschmidt led off the seventh inning with a single that left fielder Juan Soto played conservatively with a 1-0 lead. A day earlier, Sanchez held the Cardinals hitless until Jose Martinez had a pinch single with two down in the eighth.

Sanchez and Scherzer also began the 2013 ALCS with consecutive no-hit bids of at least five innings for Detroit against Boston. They are the only pitchers to accomplish the feat in postseason history.

"The way he can change speeds and execute pitches, it's a treat to really watch and get to pitch with

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From left: The Nationals' Juan Soto, Adam Eaton and Michael A. Taylor celebrate Saturday's 3-2 NLCS Game 2 win over the Cardinals in St. Louis.

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